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LAVISH EXPENSES OF OTTAWA MINISTERS

Hon. Mr. Brodeur a Shining Example Little Bill of \$4,000 at Colonial Conference While a Guest of British Government; Private Cars for Montreal Theatre Parties; Other News of the House.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Jan. 9.—In the house of commons today Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in reply to a question, said that the contract for the steamship subsidy of the line between Vancouver and Australia was made up in July last, and it had been sent to the company to be signed.

This shows that the delay in not signing the contract has been responsible for the subsidy being dropped and not any differences of opinion between Canada and Australia over the question of preference, although it would be idle to admit that Canada is not annoyed over its numerous offers of a preferential tariff rate to the commonwealth government being either ignored or rejected.

Hon. George E. Foster read part of a report of a speech delivered in London (Eng.), by Hon. Clifford Sifton, on the All-Red route, in which it was said that Canada would aid liberally.

Mr. Foster asked the premier if Mr. Sifton had the authority to pledge Canada to aid the undertaking.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not understand that Mr. Sifton undertook to pledge Canada. In his opinion Mr. Sifton rather expressed the view that the Canadian people were disposed to contribute very generously toward that route.

Gave Sifton a Letter. To Mr. Monk, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he gave a letter to Mr. Sifton to one of the British ministers.

In reply to a question, Sir Wilfrid said that there was no influx of Japanese at the present time, but there were reports that there was likely to be more arrivals. The houses then took up Mr. Oliver's irrigation bill.

On the question of irrigation, Mr. Foster pleaded for a systematic policy in respect both to irrigation and water conservation. If matters were allowed to go on as at present the country might wake up to find it necessary to repurchase water powers, now being granted to private individuals in order to be able to retain control of them. He had recently read in an American publication an article which, in effect, stated that Canada was the greatest remaining source of water and timber supply of this continent, and that thoughtful men on the other side of the line looked to this country particularly as the ultimate source of supply of timber.

Preserve the Forests. The water and timber supply questions, Mr. Foster proceeded, were closely connected. If the country was denuded of its timber the water supply would go. The conservation of the latter depended upon the conservation of the former. The governments of this and other countries had been blind to the importance of these franchises with reference to these great natural resources.

No more important work was now before the government, he considered, than that of applying itself to the task of absolutely controlling the cutting of timber on all areas belonging to the crown. Not only might they then reach a plan of cutting timber so as to meet the demand, but at the same time have better forest reserves than now. This could be done without heavy expense to the country, but on the contrary with a steady revenue.

Mr. Foster reiterated the importance of forest conservation and its importance in regard to water power and rainfall distribution. The future of the great Northwest, its ability to sustain its own population and to give its quota to the maintenance of people in other lands depended upon the preservation of the timber supply.

The bill was reported. When the marine and fisheries items were reached Mr. Foster said that the (Continued on page 7, fifth column.)

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BABY ARRIVED IN HURRICANE

New Comer on Strmr. Mount Royal Cheered Despairing Emigrants

ANOTHER THRILLER

Seaman Washed Overboard from Bridge Swept Back on Main Deck Both Happened on Christmas Eve, and Were Hailed as Omens of Better Luck.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Jan. 9.—A special London cable says:

The Lake Manitoba will not take the Mount Royal's passengers to Canada, as the matter is yet undecided. More beds are now being shipped to the Mount Royal and the passengers' comfort is being added to.

It transpires that on Christmas eve, after the passengers had been five days below decks, Josefa Milezyaki gave birth to a male child. Both did well. The emigrants regarded the event as a happy omen, and there were great rejoicings, though a hurricane was raging. The child was christened Josef Royal.

Strangely enough, the omen seemed justified, for the same evening Seaman Stewart was washed overboard from the bridge deck and swept back on the main deck by the next sea, while on Christmas morning the machinery was repaired.

ITALIAN FORCE WIPED OUT IN DESPERATE BATTLE Report That Abyssinians Attacked Town; Destroyed It, and Killed Defenders.

Rome, Jan. 9.—News has been received here of serious trouble in Italian Somaliland, on the east coast of Africa, which has resulted in pitched battles between the Italian forces there and the Abyssinians near Lugh, the furthestmost Italian station in the interior, the Abyssinians robbed, killed and imprisoned many of the merchants.

Lugh is garrisoned by only about 125 natives, under the command of Captain Bongiovanni and the attacking party laid siege to the town. In a number of engagements that followed both sides, according to the reports, suffered heavy losses.

Later despatches received here indicate that the trouble in Italian Somaliland is of a more serious nature than at first supposed. It is learned on good authority that Lugh was besieged by the Abyssinians and destroyed after a desperate and unequal fight and that its defenders were killed. It is believed here that the Italian government is concealing a severe reverse to prepare the public for graver news.

The importance of the present situation lies in the establishment of whether or not the King of Abyssinia ordered the attack upon the Italian possessions.

Train Kills Two Men. Boston, Jan. 9.—John Griffin and Thomas King, both of South Boston, laborers employed by the Boston & Albany, were struck by a train near the Massachusetts avenue bridge late today and instantly killed. Both were married.

CALIFORNIA THE GRAFTER'S PARADISE

No Crime to Extort "Fees" from Disorderly Resorts, Even if Mayor of Frisco Got Half, Decides Appellate Court—Victory for Schmitz and Ruef, Although They Will Be Prosecuted on Other Charges.

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ments charging them with receiving bribes from corporations. Owing to the number of cases against them, the bail, estimated at \$10,000 a case, would reach an enormous figure.

Schmitz and Ruef cannot take advantage of the decision for sixty days. The prosecution has twenty days in which to ask for a re-hearing. Then the appellate court will have ten days to consider the application. When that is done, the prosecution will go through the same procedure in the supreme court, which will take the same length of time. Consequently Schmitz and Ruef will be kept in the county jail for two months more at least.

The news of the decision of the appellate court spread rapidly over the city, causing consternation in some quarters and delight in others. District-Attorney Langdon said Schmitz and Ruef will be prosecuted on other indictments that are public offenses.

NO MERCY FOR SOCIALIST RENT RIOTERS IN NEW YORK



New York, Jan. 8.—Signing of eight hundred dispossession warrants and surrender of leases by twenty-five lessees in one day brought the east side rent war to an acute stage. Landlords are showing no mercy to the Socialist agitators, but are here and there making reductions to tenants. Indications are that the lessee system will be eliminated and that rents will be somewhat reduced.

Fully 1,000 persons gathered about the Thirteenth municipal court building, in Madison street. The crowd began to form at 7 o'clock, and when Justice Roosevelt, Young and Sanders arrived an hour later it was impossible for them to enter until policemen cleared the way into the building.

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COLLAPSE OF DAVID DELAYS MURDER TRIAL

WASHED UP AFTER THREE YEARS Headless Body of Capt. Harry P. Smith Given Up by Sea PAPERS IN POCKET

Syrian Stricken in Court Thursday Open Air Treatment Made Prisoner Worse; Defence Scored a Point in Getting Before Jury Testimony Affecting Murdered Woman's Character.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Nantucket, Mass., Jan. 9.—The loss of the three-masted schooner Richard S. Leaming of Dennisville (N. J.), on Long Shoal, Nantucket Sound, Dec. 18, 1904, with all on board, was recalled today by the identification of a headless body as that of Captain Harry P. Smith, of Brooklyn (N. Y.), the commander of the ill-starred craft.

The body was found on the cliff facing beach on Tuesday by Edward Hamblin, and taken in charge of by medical examiner E. H. Seneca. The body was in a fair state of preservation, evidently having been buried in the sand for a long time. It was clothed in a dark blue suit and white shirt. The medical examiner found a large package of ship's papers in a pocket and it was by means of these that in his official report today, he announced that the body is that of Captain Smith.

The papers state that the schooner Richard S. Leaming sailed from Windsor (N. S.), with a cargo of plaster rock on Nov. 15, 1904, for Chester (Pa.). The age of Captain Smith is given as 34 years, and his birth-place Cheverie (N. S.). The owner of the schooner was A. Henry Doughty of Philadelphia.

The relatives of Captain Smith are unknown here and the authorities are holding the body to await claimants.

Abdallah Moses, of Lowell, who was on the stand in the morning for the defence, finished his testimony this afternoon. He stated that the prisoner's father in Syria had acted strangely at times, but it was before his marriage. He did not know that it was customary in Syria to stamp with hot metal the heads of people suffering from sore eyes. He had heard that the prisoner's head had been stamped in that way.

Mark Hesson, of Lowell, who had known David in Syria, was on the stand when court adjourned.

Rapid progress was made with the crown's case in the David murder trial here this morning. Three witnesses were examined and at twelve o'clock Solicitor General Jones announced that he would rest his case reserving the right to call Dr. Griffin of Woodstock later.

Mr. Hazen in outlining the case for the prisoner intimated that he would prosecute the time he did his wife, but that David was suffering from acute transitory mania brought on by matrimonial infelicities at the time he did his wife, but that David was not responsible for his action. He held that the worst that could be proved against him was manslaughter. He proposed to show by witnesses that there was insanity in the prisoner's family and that he himself had frequently suffered from brain trouble.

The prisoner looked very pale and lagged when brought into court this morning, and it was learned that he had been sick and under the care of a physician during the night. He told the court, in answer to a question, that he felt well enough to go on with the trial.

Reid Aboud, of Woodstock, was recalled and cross-examined by Mr. Hazen, but nothing new was extracted from him.

Dr. W. D. Rankin, of Woodstock, was called and told about assisting to perform the operation upon Mrs. David in Woodstock hospital. He was assisted by Drs. Griffin, Grammer and Sprague, physicians. The condition of the patient and the nature of the wound were described by the witness. The post mortem examination convinced him that the woman would have died even if the operation had not been performed; her bowels were perforated in six places and peritonitis was the cause of death.

Dr. Grant gave evidence along the same lines as Dr. Rankin.

James Andrews, a Syrian, living at Woodstock, was the last witness examined by the crown. He talks poor English, and being very deaf, made a lot of trouble for the counsel. He related a conversation he had with David at Woodstock on July 6th. Witness spoke of David about the relations of his wife with one Charles Nicholas, and David in reply used the words "my soul is sweet and I'll give her a 32."

To Mr. Hazen he said "32" might mean 32, as David said that amount on him. To the solicitor general he re-examination witness said David had used the words "number 32."

Mr. Jones strongly objected to the admission of any evidence reflecting on the moral character of the deceased woman. (Continued on page 7, seventh column.)

SENATOR LEGRIS LOST SUIT AGAINST OTTAWA COLLEGE

Sued for Serious Damage to Son's Eye by Blow from Priest—Court Held Quarrel Was Personal.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—(Special)—The suit of Senator Legris, of Montreal, against Ottawa College, for damages of \$15,000 for injuries received by his son through being punished at college last May by Father Dube, resulting in permanent and serious damage to the boy's eyesight, was dismissed with costs by Justice Riddell in assize court tonight.

The argument of the defence was sustained that the priest was not enforcing the discipline of college at the time the boy was struck, but the quarrel was a personal one.

BIG G. T. PACIFIC CONTRACT AWARDED Section West of Edmonton Will Be a Costly Work, and Price is Said to Be \$50,000 Mile.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Jan. 9.—A contract was given out today by the Grand Trunk Pacific management to Foley Bros. & Larsen, the big Winnipeg and St. Paul contracting firm, for the construction of 126 miles of the system, extending from a point six miles east of Edmonton to Wolf Creek, 120 miles west of the Alberta capital. This firm has now under construction the Lake Superior branch of the G. T. P., which runs from the main line of the National Transcontinental to Port Arthur.

The section west of Edmonton will be a very costly piece of work, far more expensive than any part of the main line yet under contract. No considerable part of it is through scrub and marsh, running up to the foothills of the Rockies. The section goes through Edmonton, but does not include the terminals in that city.

No official figures were given out by the management, but it is understood that the cost is between \$40,000 and \$50,000 per mile or a total of between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

MAINE SCHOONER POUNDED TO PIECES; FIVE MEN PERISH

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 9.—The schooner which went to pieces off Diamond Shoals Tuesday, has been positively identified as the Leonora, from Round Pond, Maine, laden with fish scrap and bound for Charleston (S. C.). The rescued cook regained consciousness today and confirmed the identification. Wreckage washed ashore bears the name. Four bodies were washed ashore during the day. One of the crew is still to be accounted for. The life-savers say not even a spar of the wreck remains to show where the vessel struck, showing that the destruction was complete.

JUDICATURE ACT IN EFFECT SOON

Local Government Thinks Time Is Opportune Now Cabinet in Doubt About Best Kind of Bridge Over St. John Falls, So Will Have Three Different Plans Prepared.

Fredericton, Jan. 9.—The local government went through with a large amount of routine business here today and the members will leave for St. John by the 9:50 train tomorrow. While in St. John they will meet a committee of the N. B. Temperance Federation.

The question of bringing the judicature act into force was discussed today and it was practically decided to bring the act into force in the near future.

Chief Commissioner LaBelle has awarded the following bridge contracts: Donald bridge, Blackville, to D. C. Burgess; steel superstructure Narrows bridge, Queens county, to W. B. McNeill & Co., New Glasgow; steel superstructure, Blackville and Apolgan bridges, to Miramichi Foundry Company.

The provincial government spent much of the time this morning discussing what action would be taken regarding the suspension bridge at St. John, but arrived at no conclusion. A further report from the engineer of the public works department was received, and acting upon it it was decided to have plans and estimates made of arch, cantilever and suspension bridges, taking into consideration the cost and value of each kind.

The premier said that commissioners were arranging to get opinions on the branch railways of the province. He did not know whether any had been obtained as yet but expected a report from Commissioner Burns at an early date.

The premier stated that Thomas Malcolm had not as yet made a request to have the amount of bonds guaranteed on the International Railway increased from \$8,000 to \$10,000 per mile. In connection with Mr. Malcolm's visit, the premier said that he was here to arrange about a loan guarantee at the rate of \$5,000 per mile on work done to date and regarding the payment of subsidy on the same. The statement presented to the government shows that work costing in excess of \$1,200,000 has already been done on the International.

The incorporation of the Campobello Company to carry on a hotel and summer resort business at Campobello has been assented to with the proviso that some slight changes be made in papers.

Aged Couple Burned to Death. Auburn, N. H., Jan. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Moulton, aged respectively 74 and 72 years, were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed their home. Although the blaze started apparently from a defective chimney flue, the county attorney, Charles A. Bachelier, of Port Maitland, has ordered an investigation.

Liberals Nominate School Principal. Toronto, Jan. 9.—(Special)—W. W. Rutherford, principal of Aymer High school, was nominated for the commons today by East Elgin Liberals.

Charlotte County Horse Stolen. St. Stephen, Jan. 9.—A valuable horse owned by Albert Jackson, of Gethcell Settlement, was stolen from his barn last night. There is as yet no trace of the thief.

SAYS HE NEVER HEARD OF THAW CASE BEFORE

New York Manufacturer Startles the Court by His Announcement When Called to Jury Box.

New York, Jan. 9.—One new sworn juror was added to the trial panel in the Thaw case today, making seven in all selected from the 400 talemans summoned since the beginning of the second hearing on Monday. Another panel of 100 will report tomorrow morning.

Justice Davling has announced that he will hold court on Saturday, if necessary, to complete the jury.

The sole survivor of the day, who took his place as trial juror number 7, was William F. Doolittle, chief clerk in the auditing department of the New York Central Railroad. The rate of progress today was not gratifying either to the prosecution or the defense and better things are hoped for tomorrow. At the close of today's work, the prosecution had employed fourteen of the thirty challenges allowed by law and the defense had expended nineteen. The court can, in its discretion, increase the number of challenges allowed each side and last year at the first trial, Justice Fitzgerald did so.

Patrick McCue, a hat manufacturer, furnished the only spice to today's proceedings by declaring that he had never heard of the case. Consequently he had no disqualifying opinion and was placed on the temporary side of the trial panel only to be excused temporarily later-on.

COURT ORDERS POLICE TO STOP "SWEATING" WHITMORE

Harrison, N. J., Jan. 9.—The police examinations of Theodore S. Whitmore, who is held relative to the murder of his wife, were cut short tonight by orders of the court.

Whitmore was arraigned this evening. The state pleaded that important witnesses were out of the state and that opportunity had not been found for the proper sitting of a mass of presumed evidence, and it asked for an adjournment until Saturday morning. The motion was opposed by counsel for the prisoner, who declared that his client was being subjected to daily "sweating" by the police, in the hope that a confession might be wrung from him, whereas the prosecutor did not have a shred of evidence against him. Counsel demanded an immediate hearing or liberty for the prisoner.

The court decided to permit the delay, but instructed the police and others to leave Whitmore alone. Frank Engert and William Bartlett, who are held as witnesses, were refused their freedom. The inquest into the death of Mrs. Whitmore was opened tonight.

500 PASSENGERS FOR EMPRESS LEFT TORONTO

Toronto, Jan. 9.—(Special)—Five hundred steamship passengers left Union station today en route to Europe by way of St. John.

ATLANTIC FAST LINE VIA NEWFOUNDLAND

Speech from the Throne in Colonial Legislature Announces Construction Work to Begin This Summer.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 9.—The final session of the present legislature was formally opened by Governor MacGregor this afternoon. The speech from the throne states that it had been considered advisable to call the legislature together earlier than usual because of several important matters which have arisen for consideration. These include the Labrador boundary dispute which has been referred to the privy council, the court of last resort, in Great Britain, and the American fisheries dispute, which will be submitted to The Hague tribunal for arbitration.

The speech refers to the prosperity of the colony during the past seven years, in which period trade increased thirty-nine per cent, and recites the developments of the past year in the American fisheries question on the west coast.

The government announced that construction work preliminary to the establishment of a fast Atlantic service via Newfoundland will be begun next summer. During the session of the legislature the feasibility of establishing a system of old age pensions will be considered. The government proposes to allow increased grants for "hospitals, harbor works, orphanages and for education in the poorer districts.

YARMOUTH HAS A PATRONAGE COMMITTEE Chooses Charles R. Stoneman, a Resident of Toronto, to Be Postmaster.

Yarmouth, Jan. 9.—(Special)—The choosing of a successor to Postmaster Hood was left by B. B. Law, member for the county, to the Liberal executive. That body has held a meeting and selected Charles R. Stoneman for the position. There were other applicants but Stoneman was chosen on the first ballot. He has been residing in Toronto for the past year but he has always been an active Liberal worker.

C. P. R. TO HAVE NEW LINE TO PACIFIC COAST

Winnipeg Report Says It Has Acquired Chicago & Great Western Road, 1418 Miles Long, With an Immense Capitalization.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Winnipeg, Jan. 9.—In C. P. R. circles it is announced that the Chicago & Great Western Railway is to be taken into the company, thus giving a new through line to the coast via St. Paul and the Soo. From Toronto through trains to the coast may go via C. P. R., Per Marquette and

Great Western, or via the Soo and O. P. R. The Chicago & Great Western operates 818 miles of lines it owns outright, and about 600 miles of leased lines. The line from Chicago to St. Paul is 401 miles long. The capital stock issued is for \$22,000,000, but the preferred debentures of \$15,000,000 alone have received dividends.