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PROBS.—FAIR

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## MARITIME PRESSMEN WERE WINNER GUESTS

Enjoyable Function in Union  
Club Ends Meeting.

SPEECHES STRUCK HIGH  
NOTE OF HOPE RENEWED

Members of Fourth Estate Go  
to Their Homes More Than  
Ever Certain that Maritime  
Provinces are Canada's Best

The spirit of the new optimism permeated every speech at the banquet which, last evening, was tendered to the members of the Maritime Press Association by the Board of Trade and the publishers and journalists of St. John.

The Union Club was the scene of the function, which proved one of the most enjoyable ever held in this city, and the fact that it was strictly informal contributed in no small degree to its pleasure.

The dinner was served in the large dining room of the club and there were about 35 guests in attendance. The tables were decorated with cut flowers, and with the snowy napery, sparkling cut glass and gleaming silver, presented a handsome appearance.

J. M. Robinson, Jr., president of the Board of Trade, occupied the chair, with His Worship Mayor Frink on his right hand, and R. L. Cotton, of Charlottetown, the newly elected president of the Maritime Press Association, on his left hand.

Col. Hughes Maps Out Lengthy Programme for Canadian Officers—To Study Mount Question

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—The party of twenty-two military men headed by the Minister of Militia will leave Canada on Saturday morning for England for the autumn army and divisional manoeuvres. It is the intention of the minister that the officers on their visit will pass a busy time until their return on October 1. Besides the time passed at the manoeuvres they will visit and study matters of military interest in so far as time will permit.

They will visit the School of Musketry at Hythe, also Woolwich Arsenal, Enfield, Vickers Maxims, Coventry Works, the Whitworth Armstrong Works, the defences at Portsmouth and if possible visit several of the new men-of-war. The divisional manoeuvres at Salisbury Plain and at Aldershot and other centres will be witnessed by the party and later on the army manoeuvres at the Militia District will conclude the tour of duties.

To the original party three new names have been added, Colonel Lyons Bilgar, director of Transport, Major Struan Robertson, Pictou, N. S., and Captain Walker Bell, R. C. D., Toronto. The last named was also deputed to Lord Brooke in his recent brigade command at Petawawa.

Colonel Hughes will personally visit the continent to study the removal question. At present the militia department is spending \$30,000 a year on horses, and the minister intends to remedy such a state of affairs by laying certain manoeuvre areas which are only used one month each year, turned into places for breeding horses for the use of the Canadian militia. He will study the question particularly in Italy and in France, also in Germany and in Switzerland. He hopes in a few years not only to supply the Canadian militia but other countries with suitable mounts.

## REBEL FORCES IN VENEZUELA BADLY BEATEN

Castro's Army Defeated in a  
Sharp Encounter.

MERCHANTS FEEL  
MORE CONFIDENCE.

Practically all Officers Captured  
with the Exception of ex-  
President—Rebellion About  
Broken.

Caracas, Venezuela, Aug. 21.—General Leon Jurado, governor of the State of Falcon, co-operating with the gunboat Mariscal Sucre, attacked and completely defeated the rebel followers of General Cipriano Castro, former Venezuelan dictator, yesterday, at Coro, according to an official announcement issued by the government here today. All the officers commanding the rebel forces were captured and are now on board the Venezuelan warship.

The prisoners include General Castro's brother, General Simon Bello, the ex-president's two nephews, Julio Vazco Castro and Vicente Parra Castro, the former dictator's confidential assistant Juan Liendo, and also a number of Colombian and French officers. The whereabouts of General Castro still remains unknown here.

Unimportant invasions of Venezuelan territory continue to be made by rebels from across the Colombian border. A few insurgent bands are operating near Coro, but General Jurado has asked permission to muster out a part of his troops.

The entire army of General Juan Gomez still remains at Maracay, 60 miles west of Caracas.

The news of the victory of the government troops in the State of Falcon has served to re-establish business confidence at the capital.

DELEGATES PAY VISIT  
TO THE PEACE PALACE

Witness Unveiling of Bust of  
Founder of International  
Law—Congratulatory Mes-  
sage to Andrew Carnegie.

The Hague, Aug. 21.—The delegates to the International Peace Congress visited the peace palace today and witnessed the unveiling of a bust of Hugo Grotius, the founder of the science of international law, presented by the Dutch League of Peace.

Henry Lafontaine, president of the International Peace Bureau at Bern, delivered an address in which he declared the place was the outgrowth of the efforts of the pacifists gathered at the congress, whose visit represented the semi-official opening of the building. A congratulatory message was sent to Andrew Carnegie.

## THAW'S CASE HOPELESS, SO FAR AS IMMIGRATION LAW IS CONCERNED, IS OPINION

Counsel Asks Hon. C. J. Doherty Not to Send Matteawan Fugitive Back to Jurisdiction of New York State Courts.

MINISTER REPLIES IMMIGRATION LAW  
WILL BE ENFORCED WITHOUT ANY FAVOR.

"Entering Canada by Stealth or Otherwise than at Established Port of Entry" Sufficient Ground for Deportation—New Hampshire or Vermont Can't Give Him Up to New York—Must Stay in Sherbrooke Jail Until Wednesday Next.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Aug. 21.—W. L. Shurtleff, K. C. of Sherbrooke, one of the counsel retained by Harry K. Thaw, arrived in Ottawa today, and had a short interview with Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice and acting Minister of Interior. He asked for an assurance that Thaw would be permitted to select the point at which the Canadian immigration officials would deport him. This would enable him to avoid being returned to the State of New York, and the jurisdiction of the State courts of New York.

The only assurance given to Mr. Shurtleff was that the Immigration Law would be enforced without variation in Thaw's case. It is plain to government officials in Ottawa, that so far as the Immigration Law is concerned, Thaw's case is hopeless. The law provides for appeal in case of an order for deportation, but persons afflicted with infectious diseases or insane have no right of appeal. In the event of an appeal being allowed, it is heard before a board of enquiry sitting at the Minister of the Interior. An appeal from the decision of this board may be made to the Minister.

Perhaps the most serious obstacle to be encountered by Thaw is one of which he and counsel do not seem to be aware, but which is clearly in the hands of the immigration authorities here. This is a provision of the immigration law whereby any person, sound or unsound, sane or insane, who enters Canada by stealth or otherwise than at an established port of entry, may be deported on that ground, and it is held here that undoubtedly, liable to deportation under this provision.

Many Stumbling Blocks. New York, Aug. 21.—Examination of the statutes of New Hampshire and Vermont does not reveal authority for the extradition of Thaw from either of these States to New York, on the ground that he is an escaped lunatic. The statutes covering extradition relate only to fugitives from justice or a State who must be charged with a crime committed in that State.

This was the interpretation of the statutes of the two States given by competent attorneys of this city today. It was pointed out that the warrant charging Thaw with conspiracy, issued by the authorities of Dutchess county, N. Y., could be made the basis of extradition proceedings.

It was held that if the question were then brought up in the State where extradition was asked that Thaw, being insane, could not have committed a crime, and this question could not be adjudicated by the authorities of that State. The question would be left to the New York authorities to decide after his extradition. It was said, a decision of the United States Supreme Court in the matter of extradition between the States is legal, whether the charge brought is legal, and sufficiently laid in the indictment. It is a judicial question to be decided by the courts of the State in which the crime was committed and not by the executive authority of the State upon which the demand is made.

There will thus be no further action in the State of New York as to whether, being a lunatic, under the laws of that State he could be tried on the charge of conspiracy. Whether or not, he would be in the custody of the New York authorities and there would be nothing to prevent his return to the State of New York.

Thaw Not Nervous. Sherbrooke, Aug. 21.—"To tell the truth, Harry K. Thaw is not showing much nervous excitement as a result of the last few days as you or I would show under like circumstances and as severe a strain."

Mr. Thaw has been subjected to unusually severe and trying conditions. Yet, in spite of this, I found him far less excited than might have been expected under the circumstances. Of course, the strain has shown some effect, a good deal, in fact. Mr. Thaw is nervous, but no more so than I could be if I were in his place, if as much.

Physically, his condition has improved greatly since I last saw him. Continued On Page Two.

A UNIFORM NATURALIZATION  
LAW FOR BRITISH EMPIRE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 21.—After negotiations which have extended over a lengthy period an agreement has been reached between the Canadian and British governments approving the latest draft of the proposed bill creating a uniform imperial naturalization. It will be passed by the British House of Commons and in all probability, concurrent legislation whereby Canada will adhere to it will be passed by the Canadian House of Commons.

There will thus be removed an anomaly of long standing. The subject was discussed with the British minister in London last summer and there was considerable subsequent correspondence, and finally one to which the Canadian government is agreeable has been drawn. The most important provision is that which prescribes the years' residence in the empire and

## FURGE FOREST FIRES DESTROY MUCH TIMBER

Conservative Estimate Places  
Loss at Large Figure.

FARMERS BRAVELY  
FIGHTING FLAMES.

Three Thousand Acres in Ruins  
and Communication Cut off  
—Chief Fire Ranger Penny  
Believes Damage \$100,000.

Halifax, August 21.—Forest fires continue to burn fiercely in parts of Halifax county and in counties in the western parts of the province. There has been no rain for two weeks, and the country is burning up.

The village of Beechville and vicinity on the St. Margaret's Bay road is threatened by the forest fires, and the city has been asked to send a fire engine out to save the houses and buildings. The fire burned quite near Raynes' mill, near Beechville, and Mr. Bishop's buildings were likewise in danger. Men are out along the road night and day fighting fire, some of the fire-fighters coming from St. Margaret's Bay. The H. & S. W. Railway Company have men out patrolling their line.

Communication Cut Off. Telephone communication all along the line from Halifax to Lunenburg was cut off today as a result of the forest fires raising in that district, and great anxiety is now felt over the safety of the most threatening contingents.

All wires along the St. Margaret's Bay road are out of order, the Halifax Central not being able to communicate even with Lovett House on Lovett's Lake, only six miles from the head of the Arm. There is a large fire there and it is concluded that the flames have burnt down telephone poles along the road, blocking the service. Shag Harbor, Bayside and East Dover are still in communication with Halifax. The blaze on Cochrane Island has subsided considerably nearly all the trees and wood on the island having been burnt up, and the people and houses on the nearby mainland are now out of danger.

A large fire has sprung up about two miles back of East Dover, and the wind prevailing there is driving the flames toward the village. A despatch from Mahone Bay tonight says: "The fire today has made little advance but at one time threatened Clearland, a mile from here, owing to a change in the wind. Another change, however, forced the fire away from the village."

The Lunenburg land fire engine was taken to E. A. Ernest's mill this afternoon so as to be ready for emergency.

Loss Enormous. "Martin's River is practically out of danger now, and the people there can cope with any fire that may start anew. Chief Fire Ranger Jacob Penny is directing operations, and stated that since the commencement of timber is destroyed, and at a conservative estimate the loss is seventy-five to one hundred thousand dollars. A large number of the American colony at Chester have offered to come to any place here if help is needed."

RELIGIOUS IS  
KILLED IN FALL  
DOWN SHAFT

Mother Superior at St. Anne  
Convent, Lachine, Lost Her  
Balance and Fell to Her  
Death.

Montreal, Aug. 21.—Mother Superior Marie Anastasie, of the Sisters of St. Anne Convent, Lachine, fell down an elevator shaft at the convent tonight and was instantly killed.

Mother Anastasie who was 71 years old, made her way alone to the elevator cage, opened the door and pulled on the cable. She lost her balance and fell forward into the shaft. The Reverend Sister Marie Anastasie had been connected with the Sisters of St. Anne for the last fifty-four years.

SIR LOUIS DAVIES KNIGHT  
OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

Sir Louis Davies, K. C. M. G., of Supreme Court of Canada, now summing up at his old home here, has received official notice that the King has approved of his appointment as a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem of which order the Duke of Connaught is Grand Prior.

HALIFAX MAN FOUND  
WITH THROAT SLASHED

John Dennison Whose Disappearance Baffled Police for a Week Suicided in Fit of Insanity.

Halifax, August 21.—The body of John W. Dennison, whose mysterious disappearance on last Saturday morning has baffled the police and detained for days, was found in a frequent spot in the Dartmouth Commons this evening. He had cut his throat with a razor, while temporarily insane. He was 40 years of age and leaves a widow and two children.

## NOTE ON THE SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 15

Good Progress Yesterday Encourages Hope that Senate  
Will Ballot on that Date at  
Latest.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Republican Senators gave evidence today of strong opinion in favor of the tariff schedule and rapid progress was made in consideration of the bill, the fight on free raw wool having been postponed until tomorrow.

The tax and silk schedules were approved as amended by the finance committee and Democratic caucus. Senators McCumber and Grona ineffectually sought to transfer tax from the paragraph relating to the house ad valorem rates in most instances, not an amendment was offered today nor a criticism made by a minority member. One paragraph relating to woven fabrics in the piece at 45 per cent. ad valorem was passed over at the request of Chairman Simmons for revision. The schedule was disposed of in fifteen minutes.

Consideration of the paper schedule was begun, but the paragraph relating to print paper and the proposed curtailing duty on paper valued at more than 2 1/2 cents per pound, was passed over at the request of Senator Lodge until tomorrow.

When the paper schedule is disposed of tomorrow, Senator Simmons will call up the wool schedule, expecting a vote on free raw wool before adjournment for the day. Substitutes for the wool schedule have been proposed by Senators Smoot and Penrose and a third substitute has been prepared by Senator La Follette.

Besides paper and wool, the sundries schedule and the free list remain to be considered. There will come the income tax, cotton futures tax and administrative features. Senators today, pleased with the progress made, expressed the hope that a vote on the bill in the Senate might be taken by September 15 if not earlier.

## EXPLOSIVES PIAGED NEAR MAYOR'S OFFICE

Heavy Charge of Dynamite  
Discovered Near New York  
City Hall—Mayor Gaynor  
Took it Calmly.

New York, Aug. 21.—A deadly charge of dynamite, three whole ten inch sticks and two halves, with a fuse and detonator were discovered this afternoon near Mayor Gaynor's office windows in the city hall. The bureau of explosives found that the explosive was 40 per cent. dynamite, and the regulation blasting proportion, and the amount found, if exploded, would have wrecked the city hall.

The mayor was in his office when the dynamite was discovered by a citizen passing through City Hall Park. Mr. Gaynor evinced little interest when told of the explosives' proximity, and remained apparently undisturbed at his desk, while police officers hurriedly drew a cordon about the dynamite to keep back an excited crowd. Close to the explosive was a piece of Chinese punk and several partly burned matches.

The dynamite and fuse were wrapped in a piece of heavy cambric, secured by red and blue twine. The cloth was blue, with red and white figures, and resembled the filets worn by Italian women of the working class. The bureau of explosives experts state that the only thing which prevented a disastrous explosion was the presence of a strip of cotton wool wound so tightly around the base of the fuse that a spark could not reach the detonator. An edge of one dynamite stick was slightly scorched.

OPPONENT OF SULZER  
WAS BADLY BEATEN.

Canandaigua, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Assemblyman Herman F. Schnirel, one of four republicans who voted for the adoption of the Sulzer impeachment resolution, was defeated for re-nomination today, receiving only thirteen of forty-two votes cast. Ex-County Treasurer H. E. Wheeler was designated as a candidate.