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BELIEVED NOW MISSING MOUNT ROYAL IS FOUND DISABLED OFF IRISH COAST

Lake Manitoba Sent from Liverpool to Ren-der Aid

Spanish Steamer Reports Vessel Like the Overdue Liner 250 Miles Off Fastnet on Friday Last -- Report of Mount Royal Being Towed Up Bay of Fundy Raises High Hopes Here, Only to Be Dispelled -- Mon-mouth Arrives With No Word of Sister Liner.

Liverpool, Jan. 6.—The Spanish steamer Vivania, which arrived here tonight from Penzance, reported sighting on Jan. 5, 250 miles from Fastnet (Ire.), a steamer resembling the long overdue Canadian Pacific liner Mount Royal. The Vivania was unable to ascertain the name or read the signals of the supposed Mount Royal. Officials of the Canadian Pacific railway at Liverpool are confident that the steamer sighted is the Mount Royal, and have de-termined to send the steamer Lake Manitoba in search of her, assuming that she is crippled by reason of broken machinery.

False Reports That Mount Royal Was Down the Bay

Never perhaps since the opening of the winter port here has there been a day of such intense excitement and painful suspense as yesterday. The cause is found in several rumors about the long overdue C. P. R. steamer Mount Royal. Early in the afternoon a report came from two steamers passing inward from Brier Island and gained currency. These two steamers, it was soon reported, were C. P. R. boats, and one of them was in tow. The report received general credence and the office of The Daily Telegraph, C. P. R. offices, Carleton, and all public places where confirmation of the news was likely to be obtained, were besieged by anxious inquirers.

It was easy to see what a hold the fate of the Mount Royal had on the public mind. All classes alike shared in the interest aroused by it, and it was the sole topic of discussion on the street corners and wherever men met together.

About 3 o'clock the first message was received from Brier Island about a steamer that did not take long for the story to grow to such proportions as to admit of no doubts of the identity of the boats as the Mount Royal, for one was reported in tow of the other. It was first said that both boats had been seen in the bay, and it was added that both were flying the C. P. R. flag. The news flew like wildfire, but at 7 o'clock the Monmouth arrived off the island from Avonmouth, and hopes for the Mount Royal fell to earth.

Not only did the Monmouth not have the Mount Royal in tow, but she reported she was the only steamer which passed Brier Island at 3 p. m. yesterday.

Hopes were soon renewed again by the report from Montreal about a steamer that was believed to be the Mount Royal, being seen off Fastnet, and everywhere hope was expressed that this should prove correct.

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BELIEF SESSION WILL BE HELD

Government Meeting Tonight Likely to Defer the Elections

A SHORT RESPITE

Life of Present Parliament Doesn't Expire Till April 4—Trial of Tom David for Wife Murder Opens at Fredericton This Morning.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 6.—The Victoria Hospital trustees met this afternoon and adjourned for a week without transacting any business. Dr. W. C. Irvine was present, upon invitation, and preferred some charges against the management of the institution, which will be dealt with at the next meeting.

Judge Barker arrived here this evening and will preside at the January sitting of the equity court, which opens tomorrow.

Dr. Anglin, superintendent of the provincial hospital, is here this evening. Solicitor-General Jones, who is to represent the crown at the David murder trial, which commences here tomorrow, arrived from Woodstock this evening.

The local government will meet here tomorrow evening and Wednesday. The impression seems to be gaining ground that a session of the legislature will be called. The present house expires by limitation April 4th and the government has forty days after that in which to issue writs.

William Hoyt, Leonard Coombes and James Hughie charged with creating a disturbance at the C. P. R. station were this morning sentenced by Col. Marsh to three months jail each.

At the request of Station Agent Howard the penalty was allowed to stand pending future good behavior. Jack Harris wanted for the same offence failed to appear in court having left the city.

Percy Howard, of St. John, has been appointed to referee the league hockey match between the Capitals and Crescents here on Thursday evening.

J. Frank Owens of St. John delivered an interesting lecture on Champlain before St. Dunstan's Young Men's Society here last night.

CHATHAM, ONT., NEGRO BOY RECEIVED STIFF SENTENCE

Forty Lashes and Eighteen Months in Jail for Assault on His White Benefactress.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 6.—Edward Lawrence, a fifteen-year-old negro, was today sentenced to eighteen months in central prison and forty lashes, twenty during the first month of incarceration, and twenty during the last month. He pleaded guilty to brutal assault on a white woman, who had made him her protegee.

NO RECOUNT IN CENTRE YORK

Defeated Candidate Will Accept Result as General Election is So Near -- Thirty-seven Ballots in Dispute.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Toronto, Jan. 6.—There will be no recount in Centre York. Captain Tom Wallace's supporters have advised him that such a proceeding so close to the general elections might not be worth the trouble. There are in dispute nineteen spoiled and eighteen rejected ballots.

POLICE BELIEVE TWO MEN HAD A HAND IN MRS. WHITMORE'S MURDER

New York, Jan. 6.—Evidence unearthed in the case of Mrs. Helen Whitmore, whose body was found in the Lamp Black Pond, near Harrison (N. J.), leads the police today to the belief that two men were involved in the murder of the woman and that one of the men had a good knowledge of the lonely neighborhood where the body was found. Theodore Whitmore, husband of the swamp victim, was under a severe examination all day, and although he frequently gave way to tears, he stoutly maintained that he knew nothing of his wife's murder. Whitmore has retained Alexander Simpson, of Jersey City, as counsel. The Brooklyn detectives today closely questioned Harry Hendrickson, who is held as a witness in the case. He declared that he had an engagement with Mrs. Whitmore on Christmas night but failed to keep it.

GEO. DIXON, THE PUGILIST, DEAD

Winner of Several Hundred Battles Beaten by John Barleycorn

A WONDERFUL CAREER

Former Halifax Negro Invincible for Years Till He Became Dissipated—Passed Away in Alcoholic Ward of a New York Hospital, Friendless.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

New York, Jan. 6.—George Dixon, the negro pugilist, the winner of several hundred fistic encounters, died today in the alcoholic ward of Bellevue Hospital, a victim of a long fight with drink. Idolized in his prime by thousands as a ring hero, Dixon passed away practically penniless and friendless. He was 37 years old, and for many years held the title of feather-weight champion. He was familiarly known to prize fight followers as "Little Chocolate."

Dixon's first fight was in 1886, when he whipped a boy named Johnson, in Halifax (N. S.). From that time until Terry McGovern knocked him out in 1900 and broke his spirit, no man of his weight ever beat him. He won the featherweight title in 1891 by defeating the champion, Cal McCarthy. Dixon's attack and defence were superlative, and his peculiar ability to strike a blow from any position made him a formidable opponent. He won thousands of dollars in the prize ring which he spent with convivial companions.

A wasted, worn, figure was brought to Bellevue Hospital two days ago and ticketed as George Dixon. To the doctor he said that he had "fought his last fight with Cal McCarthy and had been beaten." He told the physician that he had no friends, except John L. Sullivan. His condition grew rapidly worse and late today he died.

SCHOONER FAME HAD THRILLING VOYAGE FROM HALIFAX

Towed into New York Monday Badly Battered—Captain Ordered Amateur Crew Below and Sailed Her Alone.

New York, Jan. 6.—After a tempestuous voyage from Halifax (N. S.), during which all her canvas, except her foresail, was blown away and she was driven 250 miles off her course and across the Gulf Stream by heavy seas, the fishing schooner Fame was towed into port today by the revenue cutter Mohawk. Tonight she lies at the Fulton Market dock.

Captain Joshua Nickerson is in command of the vessel, and he tells a thrilling story of her fight against the elements. But it is of his crew that he is most enthusiastic.

This was made up of Mate Raymond O. Brockett, a graduate of, and John Alden, Langdon Allen, David Davidson and Bradford Babcock, undergraduate students of Lawrence Scientific school of Harvard University.

Captain Nickerson recruited his volunteer crew at the Crownshield Shipyard, at Boston, where the men are taking a scientific course, and took them to Halifax to man the vessel. The Fame's original crew had been quarantined at Halifax because of smallpox.

The Fame put out from Halifax for Boston Dec. 27, and all went well until she was off Thetters Island. Then a seventy-mile gale was encountered, which blew for forty-eight hours, driving the craft off her course and far out to sea. The seas incessantly swept the vessel and the amateur sailors tried to reef the mainsail. The men were unable to make any headway, and all hands were ordered below, and Captain Nickerson alone remained at the helm.

Turning the Fame about, he put her before the hurricane, with all of her sails set. In the gale the mainsail split asunder, the jib was torn to ribbons and the foresail went by the board, and Captain Nickerson manoeuvred the Fame with only the foresail. The Fame reached Navesink Highlands Sunday, flying distress signals. The food had given out and the men were hungry and cold. The life-savers communicated with the captain of the Mohawk, and the cutter brought her up the bay today. Mate Brockett will remain aboard the Fame, but the other members of the crew left for Boston immediately the vessel docked.

FORMER NEW BRUNSWICK DEER AT PETERBORO, ONT.

Wm. Pringle, of Business College Fame, Succumbed to Pneumonia.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Peterboro, Ont., Jan. 6.—Wm. Pringle, a prominent citizen and principal of the Peterboro business college and a member of the board of education, died last night of pneumonia at the age of 46 years. Deceased was a native of New Brunswick. He leaves a wife and family of three.

BITTER DOSE FOR LONDON TIMES

Its More Enterprising Contemporaries Have Crippled Its Business

PEARSON IN CONTROL

Proprietor of Standard and Many Other Publications to Take Over Its Management—Editorial Character of the "Thunderer" to Remain Unchanged.

London, Jan. 6.—Rumor has been busy with the affairs of the Times for two or three years past. The growing competition of the new school of journalism and its adherents, coupled with the high price, three pence (six cents) for the Times, are supposed seriously to have affected its prosperity.

Recently the Times entered into the book-selling business by arrangement with an American named Hooper, and attempted to undersell the retailers. As a result it became involved in a fierce war with the book publishers which, it is supposed, materially reduced its advertising receipts.

The extent of the financial interest of Mr. Pearson has not been disclosed. He conducts the Morning and Evening Standard, and the Daily Express, and several magazines and weeklies. The offices of the Standard will be moved into the present Times building and both papers will be issued from the same plant.

Mr. Pearson says that neither a change in the character of the Times nor a reduction in its price is to be expected. The formal statement of the change in the management of the Times, which will appear in the morning papers, announces that the business management of the paper will be reorganized by Mr. Pearson, and that "the editorial character of the paper will remain unchanged and it will be conducted as in the past, on lines independent of party politics."

The change in the organization requires the sanction of the court before becoming effective.

MANY BOSTON MEN INDICTED

Two Last Year's Aldermen, Street Superintendent, and Several Business Men Charged With Serious Offences.

Boston, Jan. 6.—After two weeks spent in investigating purchases by the city last year of a lot of land on Codman street, prizes for athletic events and payments by heavy contractors, the grand jury reported indictments today against two members of last year's city government, the superintendent of streets, and several business men. The indicted parties are as follows:

Ald. William Berwin, Ald. George H. Batts, Superintendent of Streets James H. Doyle, Marks Berwin, O. Edward Kain, Mitchell, Thomas E. Maher, Harry C. French, Oliver Gregg.

Although the indictments were secret, the names of the men who were involved were announced by the district attorney, and later in the day all but Marks Berwin appeared at police headquarters and gave bonds for their appearance in the superior court on Saturday. The nature of the charges against the men was not made public today.

The aldermanic terms of Berwin and Batts expired today, while Doyle handed his resignation as superintendent of streets to the mayor. The nature of the charges against the men was not made public today.

The three matters developed at recent hearings before the finance commission.

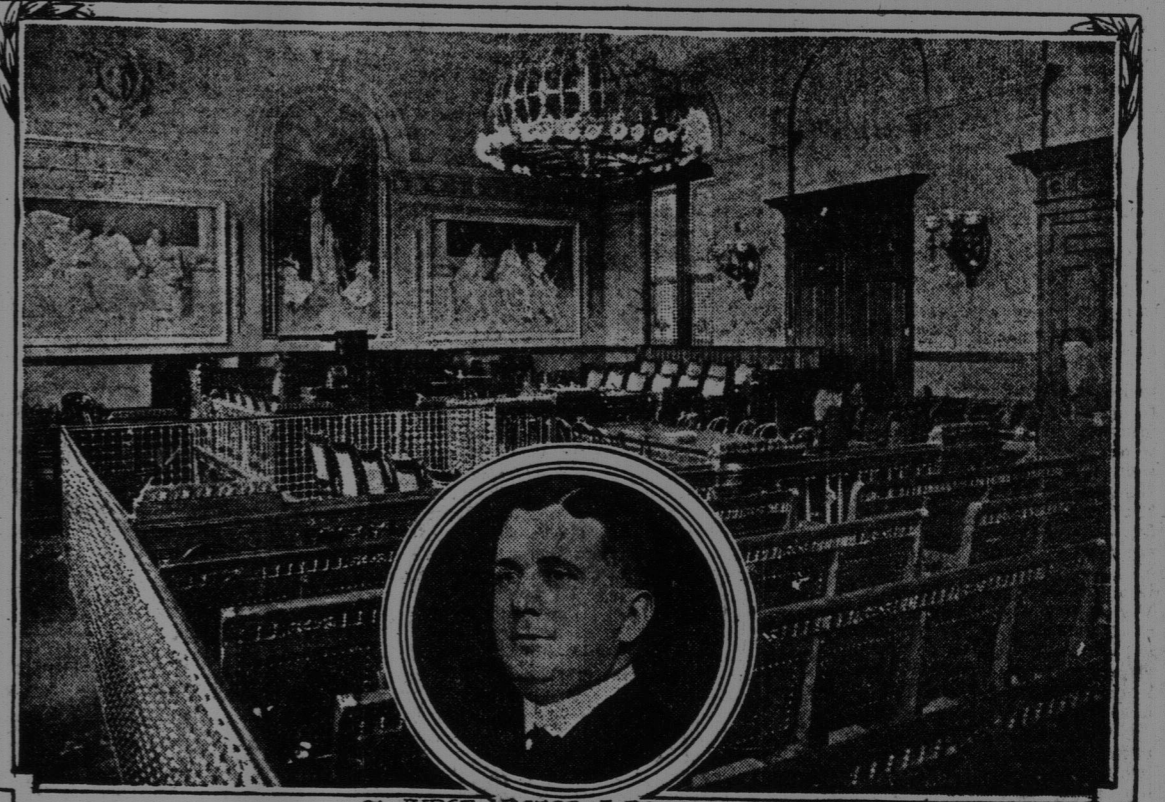
TORONTO EDITOR HELD FOR TRIAL

Rev. J. A. Macdonald of the Globe to Answer for Alleged Criminal Libel Against Dr. Nesbitt.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—In response to summonses issued against him by Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, based on four sworn informations, charging criminal libel, Rev. J. A. Macdonald, managing editor of the Globe, appeared before Magistrate Dennison in the police court today. The charges had reference to articles which appeared in the Globe on Dec. 28 and Dec. 29, dealing with a certain episode in Dr. Beattie Nesbitt's career.

Mr. Macdonald was sent up for trial to the high court and bail in \$300 on each charge was taken.

"LEGAL INSANITY," THAW'S NEW DEFENCE FOR THE MURDER OF STANFORD WHITE



New York, Jan. 6.—At the close of three court sessions, which marked the first day of the second trial of Harry K. Thaw, for the alleged murder of Stanford White, nine tentative jurors had been selected out of fifty-seven talemens examined by District-Attorney Jerome for the prosecution and Martin W. Littleton for the defense. All of the men in the jury box are subject to peremptory challenges, of which each side has thirty. In view of the difficulty experienced last year in discharging five jurors after they had taken the oath, it was agreed this time not to administer any oaths until each side is satisfied with the full panel.

Legal insanity at the time of the tragedy is to be the sole defense. This was made clear at the very outset of the proceedings today, when Mr. Littleton formally served notice that the former plea of not guilty had been amended by the specification that the defendant was insane when he committed the homicide.

The occupants of the jury box at the conclusion of tonight's session were: 1. Charles E. Greunmels, ship broker. 2. John R. Hatchett, cigar dealer. 3. George B. Morwood, importer. 4. Floyd S. Sanford, bank manager. 5. James E. Conway, hotel keeper. 6. William E. Brewer, decorator. 7. Arthur B. Neathing, baker. 8. Maurice Bouvier, exporter. 9. George W. Carey, dry goods dealer.

Of the above men it was generally predicted that Mr. Greunmels would be challenged by the district-attorney. He declared he had sworn against capital punishment, but could by no means be sworn as a juror. Morwood entertains certain opinions with regard to expert medical testimony and probably will go out on challenge from the defense. Sanford may also be excused, for he admitted having an opinion regarding the truth of certain important testimony at the first trial. Conway, who said he read the evi-

dence presented a year ago, without gaining any particular opinion from it, may be challenged by Mr. Jerome. Hatchett and Neathing appear like fixtures. Bouvier, who has slight prejudices against defense of insanity, will probably not be retained.

Less Interest in Case. Three court sessions, including an evening sitting from 8 to 10 o'clock, are to be held daily until the jury is completed. How long this will take, neither District-Attorney Jerome nor Thaw's counsel would hazard a guess today. Mr. Jerome said also that it was impossible for him to reckon on the duration of the trial, because much would depend upon the course of events.

The trial opened with little or no ceremony and there was distinct evidence of a slackening in public interest. Admittance to the court room was rigorously restricted and all day long there were vacant benches in the part of the room given over to the spectators. The only women whose presence are allowed are the members of the defendant's family and newspaper writers. Artists who were barred after the first few days of the first trial, were allowed to sketch to their heart's content.

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw was again the centre of interest even to the exclusion of the defendant himself. She was followed by throngs of curious persons as she entered and left the court house for the morning and afternoon sessions. She did not attend the night sitting.

The long hours and the tediousness of the examination of the talemens proved intensely fatiguing. Every possible convenience is to be provided for the jurors who are to be locked up throughout the trial. They are to be quartered in one of the fashionable hotels on upper Broadway, and luncheon is to be served at an expensive downtown restaurant. The jury examinations did not develop such a strong vein of unalterable opinion as was anticipated, and many of the talemens were excused on other grounds than bias based upon the reading of extensive reports of the previous trial.

The usual curious throng were gathered about the criminal courts building this morning in the hope of catching a glimpse of Harry Thaw as he crossed the Bridge of Sighs on the first day of his trial. In the corridors of the court house there was also a throng of several hundred persons who had come to witness from the outside at least the opening scenes of this new rehearsal of an old story.

Evelyn Thaw in School Girl Attire. Thaw was visited by members of his counsel in the Tombs prison this morning. He was elated over the fact that the day of his new trial, so long awaited, had at last arrived. Mrs. George Lauder Carnegie, his sister and Josiah Thaw, one of his brothers, also called on the defendant this morning and brought him a message of greeting from his mother, who is still too ill at home in Pittsburg, to come on for the trial. It was the first time Thaw had seen his sister and brother for some months and his greetings were most affectionate.

Thaw was called to the bar at 11.27 o'clock. His appearance showed little change from last year. As soon as Thaw appeared his chief counsel, Martin W. Littleton, announced that the former plea of not guilty entered by his client would be amended to read: "That the defendant was insane at the time the deed was committed." Thaw was seated at the counsel table with Mr. Littleton, A. Russell Peabody and Daniel O'Reilly. District Attorney Jerome and Assistant District Attorney Garvan represented the people.

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw, attired in the blue school girl dress which became famous during the first trial, was in the court room, accompanied by Mrs. Carnegie and Josiah Thaw.

LOCAL OPTION DEFEATED IN 25 ONTARIO PLACES

Law Carried in Five Out of 30 Districts—Seventy-Two Others to Be Heard From.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Local option carried five places and was defeated in twenty-five, according to returns up to 11 o'clock tonight. The mayors elected in the principal places are: Kingston, Dr. A. E. Ross; St. Thomas, George Geddes; Owen Sound, Matt. Kennedy; Toronto Junction, Baird; Brantford, J. W. Bowley; Peterboro, N. C. H. Rush; Chatham, Thos. Scullard; Woodstock, Sawtel; Windsor, A. E. Wigle; Ottawa, Darcy Scott; Belleville, M. McFee; Sarnia, G. A. Proctor; Goderich, Dr. Macklin; Collingwood, George Watson. One hundred and two municipalities and towns voted today on local option.

DOMINION COAL CO. CHANGES SCHEDULE FOR ITS WORKMEN

New Rates May Not Be Legal Pending Adjustment of Men's Grievances by Conciliation Board.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 6.—The new schedule of rates for workmen in the Dominion Coal Company's mine went into effect today. The new prices for home coal supplied to mine employes also went into effect today. Some of the men who had studied the matter, were of opinion that under the Lemuieux act they could not put the schedule into effect since it would be a change in the rate while the matter was sub judice. Evidently the company was differently advised since they have followed their programme even though proceedings have been taken by the P. W. A. under the Lemuieux act.

The Dominion Coal Company have not yet appointed representatives at the conciliation board.

JAP RESERVES CALLED HOME

Five Hundred Reported Making Ready to Sail at Once From Vancouver

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 6.—Five hundred Japanese in Vancouver and vicinity, who belong to the reserve list, have been recalled by the Japanese war office. Two hundred Japs arrived this morning by steamer from the state of Washington and with many here are making ready to leave for Yokohama immediately.

The Jap embassy at Washington denies this report. The chief of police though admitting a serious situation, declined the application of the Asiatic Exclusion League to search Japtown for firearms and confiscate them. The chief thinks the proposition hasty and ill-advised.

The Japanese have raised a \$100 purse for the firemen injured in New Year's Eve, but the firemen declined it.

BARBADOS HEALTHY

CABLES GOVERNOR

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The governor of Barbados cables the governor-general of Canada as follows: "No fever or infectious disease exists in Barbados. The health of the island is excellent, clean bills of health are being issued by the authorities and foreign consuls."

It seems that some despatches to the contrary have been appearing in the public press and the governor of the island is taking this way of denying them.

LEMIEUX ARRIVES AT VANCOUVER

Postmaster General Refuses to Discuss the Result of His Mission to Tokio.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 6.—Hon. Redolphe Lemieux reached Vancouver this afternoon on his return from Japan. In an interview he stated he could not say anything with regard to his mission as his first statement belonged of right to the council. His work would not be completed until after he returned to Ottawa, which he expected to reach by the end of the week. The negotiations with Japan had been carried on in a friendly spirit and his visit to Tokio had been a most agreeable one.