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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. Thomas Bale, an old resident of Hamilton, is dead.

The Springhill mines are idle; the men all went on strike yesterday.

Over 300 names are alleged to be improperly on the assessment roll of Trenton.

Refrigerating machinery will be installed on British warships to keep magazines cool.

Thomas Applegath of Hamilton, grandfather of Jesse Applegath of Toronto, is dead.

Crossed electric wires killed Chas. McKinney, a fireman at Woodstock, N. B. while fighting a fire.

Justice Clements at Vancouver dismissed the libel suit of Hon. R. F. Green against the World newspaper.

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SECOND OPERATOR KILLED

Nine Have Thrown Up the Position —Weird Shrieks and Yells Heard —The Police Suspect Maniac But Can Find No Clue — Assassin Works Mysteriously—Operator Fought With the "Ghost."

Wellesley, Mass., Aug. 1.—The last man who has been brave enough to accept the position of night operator in the Telephone Exchange of this noted college town is dying from fearful wounds, in Wellesley's little hospital.

The first operator has been in his grave for a year with a shot-wound through his head. Between the dead and dying operators nine others, hired to conduct the central office by night, have quit their jobs, declaring that no money in the world can induce them to "work with the supernatural."

Throughout Wellesley, among college girls and citizens alike, the mysterious assailant has come to be known as the "Ghost of the Telephone," and there are many who believe that either a murderous phantom or a maniac lurks about the place to kill every man or woman who undertakes the nocturnal watch of the 'phone.

Joseph McCarthy, the last victim, was attacked while he held his ear to the receiver at midnight. He was alone in the building, and was answering a late call when some one or "something," the residents say, crept up behind him and dealt him two fatal blows on the head. Evidently he struggled with the assailant, for the office was in great disorder when the day operator found the dying man's body in the morning.

McCarthy was taken to the hospital, where he still lies unconscious. The doctors say he cannot survive his wounds, and unless he recovers consciousness before death the police have no hope of solving the mystery.

In the same strange way Perley Parker was murdered in the same office twelve months ago. The assassin had never appeared there before; the police put it down as a sporadic crime, and the telephone company had no trouble in finding a man to take Parker's place. This man was Joseph Puld. He stayed two months, then resigned without any explanation.

After him George Slaney became operator for two weeks. "You couldn't hire me to stay another night for a million dollars," he said, and also quit.

Benjamin Leighton, who followed, fled not only the station but the town, at the end of a single week. So did James Everett and James Friedeth, both hinting at awful sights and sounds by night, but refusing to explain. Then came James McManus, who held out a month.

"I can't stand the shrieks and yells around there," he said when he went away. Clarence Foss, the eighth man, carried a revolver to work with him. The town had heard about the telephone ghost. Ross dared it to come and fight against his gun. He quit in a month.

"A bullet is no good against the supernatural," he explained, when he resigned. "I know, because I tried, and I'm out of that place for good."

Next was Joseph Flynn, who stayed only one night.

"I won't talk about what I saw, because you'd laugh at me," said Flynn. "But people who never lived come there at midnight."

When he had gone away McCarthy undertook the job. He was said to be the most daring and least superstitious young fellow in Wellesley.

Although the police scout the ghost theory, they have been unable to and a single clue to the source of the mysterious crimes.

Approve Grant.

London, Aug. 1.—Both Houses yesterday approved the grant of $250,000 to Lord Cromer, who recently resigned the post of British agent and consul-general in Egypt.

The grant was opposed by the Nationalists and the Laborites on the ground that Lord Cromer had been sufficiently rewarded by his salary and pension, and that if the grant were necessary, it ought to be borne by the Egyptian and not the British taxpayer.

Injured In Runaway.

Belleville, Aug. 1.—What may prove to be a fatal accident happened to County Attorney Anderson of this city, while returning from Trenton Tuesday night, where he had been prosecuting in a case of robbery. His horse became frightened at an automobile and ran away, throwing the county attorney out, cracking several of his ribs and badly bruising him, besides injuring him internally.

Andrew Carnegie Decorated.

The Hague, Aug. 1.—Queen Wilhelmina has conferred on Andrew Carnegie the order of Orange Nassau. It is conferred for favors to the royal family or to the country, and consists of a blue enameled cross which has eight points, the whole surrounded by a laurel wreath. In the centre is the national coat of arms on a blue ground.

Killed In Runaway.

Kingston, Aug. 1.—Mrs. Gilbert Maracle, aged 65, returning from a berry-picking expedition, was instantly killed, three miles from Napanee, during a runaway.

She struck on her head.

Heiress to Miser's Estate.

Montreal, Aug. 1.—An heiress has been found in Glasgow to the estate of the late Neil Brodie, but the old miser was not so rich as popularly supposed, so the heiress will only come in for about $4,000.

EVERY SEVEN YEARS.

Britain Heads Off United States by Suggesting Future Conferences.

The Hague, Aug. 1.—The British delegation are working on a proposition which, when it is presented, will cause considerable surprise, as it is in the nature of the unexpected.

As already cabled, the representatives of the United States have been privately discussing with other leading delegates the advisability of the United States representing a proposition for the periodical sitting of the conference, this proposition suggesting that it should meet quinquennially on June 2, beginning in 1912.

The British delegation went ahead of the Americans, having already communicated in the strictest secrecy only to a few delegates of the great powers, its proposition on the same subject, establishing that the conference should sit septennially, but that two years before the meeting special representatives of Great Britain, France, Germany, United States, Russia, Italy, Austria and Japan should meet to prepare the work for the conference, prearranging everything connected with its organization and the matters to be taken under advisement.

Thus, when the conference meets again its program will be already so studied by each country that satisfactory agreements will be the most easily reached.

In addition, although nothing has been said against Russia, the conference will no longer be monopolized by one nation, and will not depend, as heretofore, on the will of the sovereign of that country for its coming together and the fixing of the program.

The British proposition for the abolition of contraband was adopted in committee yesterday by 25 votes to 5. The representatives of the United States, Germany, France, Russia and Montenegro expressing themselves as opposed to the measure, and Japan, Spain, Panama, Greece and Roumania abstaining from voting. There were also ten absentees.

The Belgian proposition, that the inhabitants of an occupied territory should not be compelled to participate in military operations against the country, was adopted by a vote of 18 to 15. There were 12 absentees.

IRELAND'S APPEAL.

Nationalist Wants to Be Put on the Same Footing as Canada.

London, Aug. 1.—Speaking in the House of Commons, John P. Boland, Nationalist representative of the southern division of Kerry, called the attention of Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey, to the fact that the United States is the principal market for Irish cured mackerel, and asked the Secretary to use his best endeavors in connections with the negotiations now going on between Great Britain, Newfoundland, Canada and the United States regarding the fisheries question, to have the American tariff of $2 a barrel on mackerel removed in the event of the Canadian fish being allowed to enter the United States free of duty.

Sir Edward replied that if a favorable opportunity occurred to make an attempt to obtain a reduction of American duties on the produce of the United Kingdom, the case of Irish cured mackerel would not be overlooked, but he said the negotiations on the subject of colonial fish that had taken place some time ago had not led to any definite result.

No Closed Season.

Windsor, Aug. 1.—C. W. Gauthier, one of the most prominent of Canadian fishermen, told the Canadian Fish Commission that there should be no closed season for any kind of fish.

He said if the exportation to the United States were prevented by the Government it would kill the fishing industry along the great lakes. Government hatcheries are the only remedy for the present condition, he said.

He also outlined a plan to have the Government establish canneries along the shores of the northern lakes and supply canned herring to the people at an estimated cost of about six cents per pound.

The London Inquest.

London, Aug. 1.—The evidence given at the sitting of the coroner's jury enquiring into the cause of the Reid disaster was principally that of the employes of the W. J. Reid Co. who swore that there was no especially heavy stock on the floor of the warehouse.

Wm. Foley, the local manager of the Smirlies' concern, stated that from the appearance of things the W. J. Reid Co. seemed to be moving in, instead of moving out.

King to Visit Austria.

Vienna, Aug. 1.—The program was arranged yesterday for a meeting between King Edward and Emperor Francis Joseph at Ischl, in Upper Austria, on Aug. 15 and 16.

Immediately afterwards King Edward will continue the journey to Marienbad.

Goes Insane on Train.

London, Ont., Aug. 1.—Miss Alderson of Toronto, sister of Mrs. Davis of Maitland street, suddenly went insane while riding on a Grand Trunk train from Toronto to London.

Her condition gives her physicians and relatives the greatest cause for alarm.

Joe Martin Redivivus.

Vancouver, Aug. 1.—Joseph Martin, K.C., former Premier, will likely be an independent candidate in the bye-election here opposing Hon. W. J. Bowser, newly appointed Attorney-General in McBride's Cabinet.

The Liberals decline to enter the field.

Gasoline Boat Ablaze.

Rochester, N.Y., Aug. 1.—A match ignited gasoline leaking from the engine of a launch on the Erie canal Tuesday night and six occupants of the burning boat leaped into the canal. Mrs. Margaret Clark and her nine-year-old boy were drowned.

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Allowed Murderer of Woman to Escape Through Fear of Being Shot—Commissioner Shed Tears as He Spoke of the Tarnished Honor of the Force—This Is the First Offence In Thirty Years.

New York, Aug. 1.—A remarkable scene closely paralleling that memorable one in Paris, when Capt. Alfred Dreyfus was publicly degraded before the French army, was enacted in the trial-room at police headquarters yesterday.

For the first time in more than 30 years a patrolman had been adjudged guilty of cowardice. He is Stephen S. Walsh, who, according to the charge made against him, last week fled from an armed man who had shot and killed a woman.

The keen interest with which the unusual case was followed rose to a point of dramatic intensity when Police Commissioner Bingham, who had presided personally at the trial, announced, in a voice choked with emotion, that the charge against the unfortunate man had been proven.

The commissioner turned to Inspector Richard Walsh, in whose district Stephen Walsh was a patrolman, but who is no relative of the dismissed man, and directed the inspector to strip Walsh of his shield and uniform buttons, so that he might not leave the trial-room with the emblems of his former position as a policeman in good standing on his person.

The dismissed man stood still and offered no resistance as the shield was unpinned from his breast, but when the inspector started to detach the buttons of the uniform, Stephen Walsh stepped back and appealed to his attorney from any further humiliation being put upon him in the presence of his former comrades.

Commissioner Bingham, who was laboring under great excitement, then interposed and directed the inspector to conduct his former subordinate to the steps of the police building and eject him. Stephen Walsh offered no resistance, and went with the inspector to the outer doorway, where he was formally directed to leave the building.

Throughout the unusual proceedings Walsh maintained his composure. As he was being escorted from the room, Commissioner Bingham, with a wave of his hand, indicated that he desired the other men in uniform to remain.

"Come up close in front, all you men in uniform," said the commissioner in a voice choked with emotion, while his eyes brimmed with tears, "I have a word to say to you all, but I can scarcely say it. My cheeks burned with shame here even to think of a charge of cowardice being preferred against a man in this department.

"It has been our pride to say that whatever other faults there may have been, there was no cowardice in this department.

"I gave the accused in this case every chance to defend himself, but it has been clearly proven that he failed just at the moment when he should not have failed. This thing must never happen again while you and I are together. You must forget this, but you must remember the proud record of thirty years before when not one man in the many thousands failed to do his duty in the face of any danger."

Stephen Walsh was one of the two men against whom a charge of cowardice was made last week, when Frank Warner was permitted to escape after killing Esther Norling in 42nd street, Warner then shot and killed John Wilson. It was shown that Walsh had followed Warner into a building and was shot at. Walsh ran down a flight of stair and into an office, where he locked the door and ordered two civilians not to open it. Walsh tried to attach the stigma of cowardice to fellow policemen also.

Cabinet at Work.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived in Ottawa yesterday and Messrs. Patterson, Aylesworth, Lemieux, Templeman and Scott met in Cabinet session.

There is an immense amount of accumulated business to get through and this will occupy the attention of the Premier and his colleagues for some time.

It had been expected that the portfolio of Public Works at least would be filled, but the vacancies were only incidentally referred to.

Grand Trunk to Appeal.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Already notice of an appeal has been received from the decision of the Railway Commission ordering the Grand Trunk Railway to provide a daily third-class service at two cents a mile between Montreal and Toronto. The railway showed the greatest promptness in notifying the Commission of the appeal and it is understood that the case will be carried to the Privy Council.

Australia Will Kill It.

London, Aug. 1.—(C.A.P.)—The Standard is responsible for the statement that as long as Australia remains hostile to the "all-red" scheme, the Home Government will have nothing to do with it, and the impression prevails in Ministerial circles that Premier Deakin is inflexibly opposed.

Japs Protest.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 1.—Five Chambers of Commerce in Japan have addressed a letter to the local Chamber asking that an effort be made to prevent discrimination against their countrymen in the United States.

May Be a Coal Strike.

Pittsburg, Aug. 1.—A strike of 14,000 miners of the Pittsburg Coal Co. has been sanctioned.

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