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FOUR LUMBERMEN LOST THEIR LIVES

BOAT CAPSIZED WHILE CROSSING A LAKE

Investigating the Charges Against the Montreal Police—News Notes From the East.

Toronto, March 26.—Prof. Ellis has reported to the government that candles sent him from Wabigoon district for analysis recently, which were alleged to have recently killed Jack Chiverton, contained a large quantity of strychnine.

Police Inquiry. Montreal, March 26.—Judge Curran this morning opened the inquiry into the charges made against the police force. The officers accused filed pleas. One of the number was to the effect that in taking civilian clothing for uniforms for which the city had contracted, they were only following the custom.

Four Drowned. Presque Isle, Ont., March 26.—Four lumbermen were drowned to-day by the capsizing of a boat while boating in Bass Lake, five miles from here. One man named Kuntz was the only survivor.

Dwelling Destroyed. Hespeler, Ont., March 26.—The brick farm dwelling of W. Grille was destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$10,000; insurance \$5,000.

Holdup Failed. Tweed, March 26.—A masked man entered the C. P. R. station here about 4 o'clock this morning and ordered the operator, Murphy, to hold up his hands.

Lindsay, Ont., March 26.—An epidemic of scarlet fever and black throat prevails in the country north of here, and causes much anxiety. In Minden there are 15 cases, and deaths are quite frequent. At Lechin several deaths have occurred.

Winnipeg, Man., March 26.—The O. P. R. have announced to grain men that they will construct side tracks on which elevator sites will be located this year.

Northwest Assembly. The Northwest Territories Assembly has been called for April 10th. Among the nominations to-day by party conventions for the approaching local elections were: Conservatives: Turtle Mountain, Jas. Johnson, M. P. F., re-nominated; Riverhead, H. P. Hanson; Swan River, ex-Reeve Robson; Lakeside, E. D. Lynch; Westburne, Liberal convention; Portage la Prairie, Major Brown.

Charged With Grave Robbing. Brockville, March 27.—James Hudson, the Queen's college student charged with grave robbing at Lansdowne, to-day pleaded guilty to the charge of attempting grave robbing, and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the common jail. Hudson's father left for

MEN HAVE UNTIL EVENING TO DECIDE

ULTIMATUM TO THE CROW'S NEST MINERS

Conciliation Committee Still at Work Trying to Bring About a Settlement.

Ottawa immediately to attempt to secure a commutation of the sentence. Men Return to Work. Oshawa, March 27.—The strike of the employees of McLaughlin carriage factory, declared February 10th, has ended, the men returning to work on the old terms.

Reports from Government House state that Sir Oliver Mowat is well enough to be able to discharge all the ordinary duties of his office. Yesterday it was reported to be especially bright and cheerful. It was rumored that he had suffered a stroke last night, but the rumor is now authoritatively denied.

Government Sustained. In the legislature after a debate which has lasted two weeks and a day, three divisions were taken on motions and amendments arising out of the Gamey charges. All three resulted in government majorities of five. Every member of the House was present when the roll was called, and there were no pairs. The House adjourned at 11 o'clock p.m. until Monday.

Glass Blowing Machines Are Now Being Installed by the American Window Company. Muncie, March 26.—Thos. Hart, of Muncie, vice-president of the American Window Glass Company, which is placing blowing machines in its plant, says that the truth is in the report that the company may go back to the use of human blowers, provided that the men will work for less money.

Strike on Lakes. Cleveland Captains and Mates Refuse to Take Charge of Vessels. Cleveland, March 26.—Local captains and mates who are members of the American Masters and Pilots to-day refused to take charge of their vessels. Capt. Chas. Myerth, of the Maitland, and Capt. Pilots, said that there was no change in the situation. Representatives of all the lake harbors of the association will meet with the master members of the executive committee of the Lake Carriers to-morrow, when an effort will be made to settle the trouble.

Teacher's Suicide. Drowned Herself After Reading Letter From Young Man Who Desired to Break Engagement. San Jose, Cal., March 24.—Ruth Zeiler, 25 years of age, lately a teacher in the public schools of Minneapolis, committed suicide near Saratoga last night by drowning herself in Cambridge creek. She received a letter from Minneapolis yesterday from a young man, announcing that he desired to break their engagement. After reading the letter she left the home of Mrs. Sherrocks, where she had been staying, and was not seen alive again. She came to California five weeks ago for her health. She was drowned in less than two feet of water, and was lying on her face when found.

Cycle Works Burned. Fire Caused by the Explosion of a Can of Gasoline. Akron, Ohio, March 26.—The explosion of a can of gasoline at the plant of the American Cycle Company here to-day resulted in the destruction by fire of the entire works and also the plant of the India Rubber Company adjoining. The flames spread with remarkable rapidity. Two workmen in the bicycle plant were painfully burned by the exploding gasoline. The losses will aggregate \$250,000 with \$140,000 insurance.

Divers Quit Work. Cleveland, March 27.—The divers employed on the lakes have gone on strike to enforce their demands for higher wages and a recognition of their organization. The men have been getting from five to six dollars and now demand a rate of \$10 per day. Failing to get the advance they have quit work. The strike will delay breakwater repairs, extensions and other harbor work.

ARRANGING FOR FUNERAL

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INCREASING THE CHINESE POLL TAX

Sr Wilfrid Laurier Introduced Bill on Friday Fixing It at Five Hundred Dollars.

Ottawa, March 27.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier introduced a bill to-day to increase the poll tax on Chinese from \$100 to \$500. He said it was to meet the demands from British Columbia, the only part of Canada yet affected. The question of the Japanese had been settled by the prohibition of emigration from Japan.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS. Students at Universities in States and Britain Engage in Match Over Atlantic Cable.

Boston, Mass., March 27.—Pitted against one another in an international struggle for chess supremacy, the best student players of America and Great Britain, representing on the one side Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Princeton, and on the other Oxford and Cambridge, are contesting to-day the fifth of the series of annual matches over the Atlantic cable.

Violated New Laws. Superior and Four Sisters Fined in Paris—Demonstration in Their Favor Outside Court. Paris, March 27.—The superior and four sisters of the Order of the Little Sister of Assumption appeared before the correctional police court yesterday on the charge of violating the law of associations. The superior was sentenced to a fine of \$20, and the sisters to \$10 each.

THE GRAND NATIONAL

King Edward Was Present When Drummer Won His Majesty's Ambush II. Fell. Liverpool, March 27.—At the Liverpool spring meeting to-day, the Grand National Steeplechase was won by Mr. Morrison's Drummer. Detail was second, and Manfesto was third. Twenty-three horses started. Drummer was favored, and won by three lengths. Twenty lengths separated Drummer and Manfesto. King Edward was present to see his entry, Ambush II., run, but the horse fell at one of the fences.

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Less Enthusiastic. London, March 28.—In the lobbies of parliament last night the opinion regarding the Irish land bill was rather less enthusiastic. It was recognized to be of such complexity that its only chance of existence lies in the rather doubtful possibility of all parties consenting to accept it in a generous spirit.

IMMIGRATION.

Steamboat Companies Unable to Meet Demand For Accommodation.

Toronto, March 27.—The News' London cable says: "The rush of immigrants to the Canadian emigration office has slackened largely owing to the impossibility of booking so many passengers at once. Barr's colony are now shipping at Liverpool, whereas they sail on Tuesday. Barr's work will be continued in England by his new partner, Dr. P. P. bins, who was formerly a Methodist minister in Ontario, and later a Presbyterian minister at Truro, N. S. After coming to England he became minister of a Presbyterian church."

CABINET RESIGNS.

Geneva, Switzerland, March 27.—The glowing accounts sent home by the Swiss immigrants in Canada of the prospects here is causing an emigration fever in Switzerland for Canada. Many wealthy families have sold their property in order to emigrate, with the result that a slump in the value of houses and lands has taken place.

REBISTRIBUTION BILL.

Ottawa, March 27.—The Redistribution Bill has been completed, and will be introduced on Tuesday. County boundary lines will be observed in Ontario. The older provinces will drop nine members. Six of these will disappear because of a decrease in the population. Two new members are to go to New Ontario, and one additional member to the city of Toronto. There is very little change in Quebec or in the Maritime Provinces. The British Columbia redistribution will be about as already stated.

SAILS FOR HOME.

Southampton, March 27.—The Hamburg-American steamer Deutschland, which sailed from here shortly after noon to-day for New York, had among her passengers Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific railway.

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STATEMENT ISSUED BY RUSSIAN EMBASSY

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THE BURDICK MYSTERY.

Little Hope of Fixing the Responsibility For the Murder. Buffalo, March 26.—The inquest into the death of Edward Burdick who was at 4 o'clock this afternoon. At the close of the inquest Judge Murphy announced that an official inquiry into the tragic death of Arthur R. Pennell, who has inquest, will be begun to-morrow.

The evidence brought out has shown Mr. Burdick to have been a loving father; always willing to sacrifice his own happiness and pride for the sake of his children; that he was the victim of false friendship, broken pledges; and, in fact, that he was a forgiving, indulgent husband. The efforts of the authorities to fix the crime upon some one, of course, will not end with the inquest. At the same time there is now little hope of fastening the crime upon anyone, and the murder will probably go down in criminal history as one of the great unsolved mysteries.

MAN KICKED TO DEATH BY A COIT—REV. C. C. OWEN GOING TO VANCOUVER.

London, March 27.—The funeral of General Sir Hector Macdonald will be a private one, because it is the custom in the British army not to accord military honors to an officer who has committed suicide. The war office issued an explanation that it is in accordance with the wishes of the dead officer's relatives that the funeral will take place in private. It is understood that throughout the affair the war office acted with the utmost delicacy toward General Macdonald.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

Montreal, March 27.—The street railway men's union have adopted a clause in the by-laws for the establishment of schools of instruction whereby motormen and conductors, by exercise of intelligence and energy, may become skilled in their calling and render better service to the company and public.

GERMAN EMPRESS INJURED.

Berlin, March 27.—The Empress slightly fractured her forearm as the result of a fall from her horse, which stumbled while she was riding in the Grunewald forest this morning. The Empress was assisted to the hunting lodge after her fall and a surgeon was telephoned for, with the result that a physician was sent to the lodge in an auto which was driven at full speed. The Empress fell heavily. Emperor Wilhelm, who was near at hand, was among the first to reach her side and assisted the Empress to rise. The imperial party was galloping at the moment the Empress's horse shied and stumbled.

BODIES OF VICTIMS BURNED.

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The Russian communication says that the submission of all such matters to an arbitrator proves conclusively how great a value Russia attaches to the settlement of disputed points by arbitration. Although the particular points concerning the seizure of the American schooners, continues the communication, were connected with the general question of the protection of the sealing industry, Prof. Asser's decision deals exclusively with the matter in dispute.

WILL BE PRIVATE.

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N. K. FAIRBANKS DEAD.

Chicago, March 27.—N. K. Fairbanks, former minister of war, his colleagues in several banks and manufacturing concerns, died at his home here to-day at the age of 78. He had been ill but a short time.

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