

The Semi-Weekly Telegraph

VOL. XLVI

ST. JOHN N. B., SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1907.

NO. 64

FOWLER HAS "BRAIN STORM" OVER INSURANCE REPORT

Wildly Excited at Member's Reference to the Use of Foresters' Funds

Abuses the Royal Commission and Declares the Members Were in Their Dotage--Foster Joins in, Too, and Calls Aylesworth a Conspirator--Indescribable Scene in Parliament.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, April 11.—In the house of commons this morning, Mr. Fielding, replying to a question by Mr. Hughes, said that efforts would be made to obtain all the necessary information as to the practicability, cost and maintenance of a tunnel between P. E. Island and the mainland.

Mr. W. F. MacLean enquired how the government were meeting their obligations.

Mr. Fielding said that a loan for about \$10,000,000 at 4 per cent. was maturing on the first of May, and arrangements were being made to extend it for four years. There never was a more unfavorable period than the present for financial negotiations.

Mr. Paquet (L'Islet) protested against a remark of Col. Hughes in the recent immigration debate regarding clerics, and called upon him to withdraw it.

On the house going into committee of supply, the debate on the insurance commission was resumed. Mr. Leanoz, since, characterized the minister of justice's defence of the commission as lame. The government was surprised because the member for North Toronto had been courteous towards the commission at the close of his examination, but that was only what could be expected of a party that went into jubilation when it was found that the finance minister was not so black as his associates. From first to last the commission was nothing more than an attempt to blackmail Mr. Foster's character, and he thought that there would be no honest Liberal in the country who would not condemn the comparison drawn by the minister of justice between Mr. Foster and the late manager of the Ontario Bank when he had been challenged by Mr. Foster to point out a single illegality. Not an investigation or a prosecution, but a persecution was the proper description of the commission.

Mr. Foster said the report of the commission contained the greatest falsehoods and misrepresentations for its bulk of any document or book he had ever seen in his life. The whole of the report so far as it concerned him was one tissue of falsehoods and misrepresentations.

Fowler Creates a Scene. Mr. Fowler declared that he and his associates had purchased their lands from the Canadian Pacific in the open market on the same terms as anyone else and was proceeding to argue that they had the same right to do so as anybody else. Mr. Martin, of Montreal, made some remarks which were inaudible in the galleries. This provoked Mr. Fowler's anger, who shouted that the honorable gentleman's remark was "scandalous, false and untrue."

Immediately there was an uproar. Cries of "order" came from the Liberal benches, to which Mr. Fowler retorted that the Liberals could hold but that he did not care.

Mr. Aylesworth rose to a point of order that the expression "scandalous, false and untrue" was unparliamentary and should be withdrawn.

Mr. Bennett shouted: "You can't put in the gag today, and Mr. Foster yelled: "You are not under a royal commission now."

Mr. Martin explained, in French, that he had objected to men taking the trust funds of a corporation like the Foresters for private speculation.

Mr. Foster moved that the first words of Mr. Martin be "taken down," and then the storm burst in all its fury. Cries of "take it back," "coward," "bully," and so on were heard from the Conservatives.

Mr. Foster said that Mr. Martin's words were "a scandalous, lying assertion," and when Mr. Aylesworth rose to a point of order, Foster shouted in a voice vibrating with passion: "See the conspirator! There stands the conspirator!"

Mr. Aylesworth demanded that the expression "scandalous, lying assertion" be withdrawn. The deputy speaker, Mr.

FIFTEEN ROASTED TO DEATH IN C. P. WRECK

Train Ditched and Two Tourist Cars and Inmates Consumed--Terrible Scenes of Injured Pinned Down and Slowly Burned to Death--Nearly 100 Injured.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fort William, Ont., April 11.—One of the worst wrecks in the history of the Canadian Pacific Railway occurred early yesterday morning near Chapleau, about 200 miles east of here.

Fifteen persons are dead and at least twenty injured. The dead were all hurled up in the coaches and identification has thus been rendered difficult.

The wreck was caused by a broken rail which derailed the train, two tourist cars, in which the killed were all located, rolling down a steep embankment into a little lake below. The overturned coaches at once caught fire and the unfortunate passengers who were pinned beneath the wreckage, slowly roasted to death.

EVELYN NESBIT THAW AND THE PRISONER WHOSE FATE THE JURY STILL PONDERERS



MRS. HARRY K. THAW SKETCHED IN COURT

DRIVEN TO SEA ON ICE CAKES

Two Westmorland Men, White Gunning, Carried Away Thursday

HEARD THEIR SHOUTS

Cries of Frank Fillmore and Murray Siddall Reached Watchers at Amherst Point Late Last Night, and Boats Are Searching for Them.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Amherst, N. S., April 11.—News was received here this evening that Frank Fillmore and Murray Siddall, of Westmorland Point, while out gunning at Aulac, were carried out into the bay on the ice. Telephone messages were sent to Sackville and to Amherst for the people along the shore to be on the look out for them. At last a party from Amherst Point organized a search party and are trying to secure a boat to try to locate them along this shore.

They were heard shouting for help off Amherst Point this evening and great excitement prevails, because if they drift out to sea there will be little hopes of saving them.

Mr. Fillmore is a son of W. P. Fillmore, of Westmorland, and is married with a family. Siddall is a son of George O. Siddall, of Westmorland Point, and is unmarried.

A message to your correspondent from three boats had left government wharf at that place searching for the missing men but as yet no word has been received of them.

A later message states that the men have passed Mimetic wharf and that the watchers there heard them shouting and that boats were following them.

Reception for Moncton Rector. Moncton, N. B., April 11.—(Special)—Rev. W. N. Sissam, the new rector of St. George's church, was tendered a formal reception by his congregation this evening. A large number of his parishioners were present and an enjoyable social evening was spent. An address of welcome to the parish was presented to the new rector, to which he fittingly replied.

Masson Acquitted of Manslaughter. Cornwall, Ont., April 11.—(Special)—Charles E. Masson, of Ottawa, the hockey player, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Owen McCourt at a hockey match, was acquitted at the Cornwall assizes today.

Bisley Team sails June 14. Ottawa, April 11.—(Special)—The Bisley team will sail from Montreal on June 14 on the C. P. R. steamer Empress of Ireland.

THAW'S FATE IS STILL HANGING IN THE BALANCE

Jury Thirty-one Hours Out and Unable to Reach a Verdict

Judge Orders Them Locked Up Till 10.30 O'Clock Friday Morning--Prisoner's Wife and Family Keenly Disappointed at No Decision After Their Long Wait in Court Building--White's Slayer Still Confident of Result--All Sorts of Rumors About Vote of Jurymen.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

New York, April 11.—Thirty-one hours of deliberation and no verdict. Such was the condition of affairs at 11.40 o'clock tonight when the Thaw jury was ordered locked up for a second night at the criminal court building. The fact that they had not been able to agree after devoting so much time to a study and discussion of the case, has given rise to the belief that the trial will end in a disagreement and the whole affair will have to be gone over again.

Although the twelve men have thus far failed to reach a common opinion and to all appearances are hopelessly at sea, Justice Fitzgerald has not given up hope of having a verdict rendered. As yet Denning B. Smith, foreman of the jury, has not complained to the court that the jurors are unable to reach an agreement, and until he does so, it is not likely that Justice Fitzgerald will discharge them.

The general impression prevails that if the twelve men are unable to agree at the expiration of forty-eight hours they will be released from further service. The very fact, however, that no intimation has been received from the jury room that the men are unable to agree has been construed by many who have followed the proceedings closely as an indication that a verdict will eventually be reached.

Prisoner's Family Crestfallen. The mother, wife and two sisters and brother of the defendant were in the criminal court building up to the last minute and when it was finally announced that the jury had been locked up over night and there was no longer any prospect of a verdict before tomorrow, they returned to their hotel crestfallen. They had hoped and looked for a decision to be reached another night in doubt and anxiety was received with keen disappointment.

Twice today the twelve men who took their places in the jury-box more than two months and a half ago, filed into the court room and asked the assistance of the court in an endeavor to bring about an agreement.

They appeared vast and haggard after wrangling through all of last night in the study little conference room at the criminal court building, with only hard chairs and one long table provided for their comfort. The jurors wanted to hear what Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton had been allowed to testify to as to Thaw's condition the night of the tragedy; they wanted to hear what Evelyn Nesbit Thaw had said as to her husband's conduct that evening; they wanted to hear repeated again the conversations Thaw had with James Clinch Smith just before he committed the homicide; they wanted to hear several portions of the summing-up address by Delphis M. Delmas, he read, Justice Fitzgerald called a halt. He admonished the jurors that they were to be guided only by the evidence and were not entitled to hear again the closing speech of the lawyers.

Harry Thaw's family—his white-haired mother, his pale young wife, his sisters and brothers, remained at the court house until late in the night. They visited the defendant on several occasions in the prisoner's pen on the floor above the courtroom. Their purpose was to cheer him, but he appeared by far the most cheerful of the group. The man's confident air seems never to leave him for any great length of time and a buoyancy of spirit is nearly always apparent. Few men accused of murder in the first degree have awaited the sealing of their fate with the calmness and the happy-go-lucky manner which has characterized Harry Thaw since the jury retired at 5.17 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

Many Rumors About Jury's Vote. There were all sorts of rumors and guesses in the air today as to how the jury stood. There were more different reports as to the results of the ballots than there could possibly have been, test votes taken. None of the reports had any degree of authority. Some were uttered in jest by prominent figures connected with the trial, and occasionally these were taken in deadly earnest by persons who overheard them.

The opinion of the jury in twice going before Justice Fitzgerald and to have certain portions of the testimony read to them was widely commented upon and naturally caused much speculation. It seemed evident that the jury's deliberations were hanging upon the question of the sanity or insanity of the defendant as shown by the defence.

The jury showed an almost startling familiarity with the evidence and the testimony they desired to hear again today was given in part by persons who were not referred to in the summing-up speeches either by Mr. Delmas or District Attorney Jerome.

From the manner in which the jurors wished to go over the evidence in all its detail, it was surmised that a verdict, if reached at all, would be predicated entirely upon the evidence and not upon "the unwritten law."

Justice Fitzgerald spent the entire evening in his chamber awaiting the pleasure of the jury.

Couldn't Hear Delmas' Speech Again. All of these requests were gladly granted by the court, but when foreman Denning B. Smith, on behalf of the jury, asked that certain portions of the summing-up address by Delphis M. Delmas, be read, Justice Fitzgerald called a halt. He admonished the jurors that they were to be guided only by the evidence and were not entitled to hear again the closing speech of the lawyers.

Harry Thaw's family—his white-haired mother, his pale young wife, his sisters and brothers, remained at the court house until late in the night. They visited the defendant on several occasions in the prisoner's pen on the floor above the courtroom. Their purpose was to cheer him, but he appeared by far the most cheerful of the group. The man's confident air seems never to leave him for any great length of time and a buoyancy of spirit is nearly always apparent. Few men accused of murder in the first degree have awaited the sealing of their fate with the calmness and the happy-go-lucky manner which has characterized Harry Thaw since the jury retired at 5.17 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

BALE FELL ON HIM TO RAISE SALARIES OF NOVA SCOTIA CABINET MEMBERS

Premier to Get \$6,000 Yearly and Others \$5,000 Each in Addition to Indemnity.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Halifax, N. S., April 11.—The salaries of the members of the Nova Scotia government will be hereafter \$5,000 annually, in addition to their seasonal indemnity of \$500 as members of the legislature and the premier shall have \$10,000 extra. A bill to give effect to this has been introduced in the house of assembly in the following terms:

There shall be allowed to the several members of the executive council hereinafter mentioned, to be paid quarterly out of the provincial treasury, the following yearly salaries, that is to say: To the provincial secretary, \$5,000. To the attorney general, \$5,000. To the commissioner of public works and mines, \$5,000.

London, April 11.—Foreign Secretary Grey made the most unexpected announcement in parliament (today) that Lord Cromer, Great Britain's great plenipotentiary on the Nile, had resigned. It had been known for some time that the health of Lord Cromer, who has been British agent and consul general in Egypt since 1883 was affected but there was no idea when he issued his voluminous report on the progress of the administrative departments of the Egyptian government early this month that his retirement was impending.

Secretary Grey, on making the announcement and ex-Premier Balfour, who followed him, spoke with deep emotion of Lord Cromer's unexampled services to the empire and voiced the nation's regret at his leaving his post during such a difficult period, that it was the greatest personal loss the public service of the country could suffer. The retirement of Lord Cromer will involve no change in their policy with regard to Egypt. This was explicitly stated by Secretary Grey. Sir Eldon Gorst was appointed to succeed to the post in Egypt on the advice of Lord Cromer, whose complete confidence he possessed. He takes up a difficult task but will assume the work with the full approval of official circles both in London and Cairo.

Sir Eldon has had twenty years experience in Egypt, first in the diplomatic service and afterwards from 1890 until 1904 in the service of the Egyptian government. He had charge successively of nearly all the great administration departments, and had close personal relations with Lord Cromer.

LORD CROMER RESIGNS EGYPTIAN POST

Parliament Started by News of His Retirement on Eve of New Policy in Nile Country--Secretary Grey's Tribute--Sir Eldon Gorst to Succeed Him.