

FURTHER LIGHT ON PATROL'S FATE

Details of Disaster that Overtook Mounted Police Party on Northern Trail Furnished by Corporal Dempster.

FOUND EVIDENCE OF SEVERE SUFFERING

Reduced to Living on Soup Made from Moose Hide—Tragedy Caused by Ignorance of Route.

OTTAWA, May 17.—Additional details of the tragedy of Inspector Fitzgerald and three companions of the Northwest Mounted Police who lost their lives last winter on a patrol between Fort Macpherson and Dawson, are furnished by an official report of Corporal Dempster, who was in charge of a searching party sent out from Dawson.

He tells the story of the finding of the remains of the ill-fated party and the melancholy diary of Fitzgerald. This has already been told, but Corporal Dempster's report sheds further light upon the causes of the disaster and supplies records which add to the tragic nature of the unfortunate enterprise.

From the report it would appear that the cause of the catastrophe was the fact that Fitzgerald had relied upon Constable Carter as guide, but that the latter had failed to find the way to the principal pass on route. This last error in Inspector Fitzgerald's camp was evidently made while the party was proceeding down the trail to Peel River.

Corporal Dempster of the relief party says that at that point he happened to see the remains of the patrol. It was then that Fitzgerald's patrol had their retreat being so close together. On March 21, about three miles below the portage on the Peel River, he found the bodies of Constables Kinney and Taylor. They were in a camp kettle full of moose hide cut into small pieces which had been boiled for soup. The two men lay side by side, the fire being at their feet, and each lay on his back.

Dempster's report continues: "They had three Alaska dog sleds, one under and two over them. Constable Taylor evidently committed suicide by blowing the top of his head off. It is quite probable that he had become insane with the terrible hardships which he had undergone. It is to be noted that Inspector Fitzgerald had sent me that these men were too weak to travel; that he left all equipment they had with them and with Carter started towards Fort Macpherson, with the hope of getting relief to send back. This they failed to accomplish. About ten miles further on he and Carter yielded up their lives. Carter succumbed first, and he was laid out by Inspector Fitzgerald, who probably died shortly afterwards."

The report of Commissioner Perry, who transmitted diaries and records to the mounted police headquarters at Ottawa, concludes that the party had undertaken the trip with light provisions and with the view of making a rapid passage. He says that Dempster's report shows that the unfortunate men had rested to shadow. All were in the best of health and courage when they left on their ill-fated journey.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Finance Minister's Announcement in regard to Adjustment—Heavy Programs on Hand.

OTTAWA, May 17.—Mr. Fielding announced in the house tonight that parliament would certainly adjourn on Friday. He intimated that the programme of business that the government would endeavor to have passed before adjournment was as follows:

The amendment to the railway act, the banking act bill, the Quebec Savings bank bill, the forest reserves bill, grain act, water carriage bill, Quebec battlefield bill, resolutions regarding Japanese treaty and the Collingwood shipbuilding company's bill.

ALL-RED ROUTE

L. S. Emery, M. P., Refers to Subject in Budget Debate—Means Imperial

NOTABLE EVENT AT DRURY LANE

King George and Emperor William Attend Performance of Comedy "Money" by an All-Star Cast.

LONDON, May 17.—Drury Lane theatre was transformed into a fairy bower with garlands and drooping foliage tonight at the performance of Bulwer Lytton's old comedy, "Money," given in honor of the German Emperor by a star cast which left the principal roles in half the London theatres in the hands of understudies.

The King and Queen and their Imperial guests dined early at Buckingham palace, and then drove in a procession to the theatre through crowds of cheering spectators. Drury Lane's dingy exterior was brightened with greenery and festooned with the royal and imperial ciphers. Inside, the house was ablaze with lights and colors.

PRESIDENT DIAZ TO LEAVE OFFICE

Veteran Ruler of Mexico and Vice-President Corral to Resign Before End of This Month.

MADERO TAKES PART IN GOVERNMENT

De La Barra to be Provisional President and Changes to be Made in Ministry—Armistice Now in Effect.

MEXICO CITY, May 17.—President Diaz and Vice President Corral will resign before June 1. Minister of Foreign Relations De La Barra will become president ad-interim. Francisco I. Madero, the revolutionary leader, will be called to Mexico City to act as De La Barra's chief adviser and as the greatest guarantee possible that every pledge made by the government will be carried out.

As viewed by the public, it would be virtually a joint presidency, pending a new election. The cabinet will be reorganized. The minister of war will be named by De La Barra. The foreign office will be in charge of a sub-secretary named by him. Other cabinet members will be chosen by him and Madero jointly. A new election will be called within six months.

ARMISTICE ARRANGED

JUAREZ, May 17.—A general five-day armistice between the revolutionists and the federal government was agreed upon at 6 o'clock tonight to take effect immediately throughout Mexico. It was signed by Juan Cuatrecasas, the federal peace envoy, and Dr. Vasquez Gomez, Jose Pino Suarez and Francisco I. Madero, the members of the rebel peace commission.

WINDSWEPT BOLD

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STRIKE DELAYS G. T. P. BRIDGE

Two Hundred Men Leave Work on Structure at Red Deer River, Where the Calgary Branch Crosses.

TRACK-LAYING MACHINE TIED UP

CALGARY, May 17.—Nearly two hundred structural steel workers employed on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway bridge, where the Calgary branch crosses the Red Deer river, near Altona, are reported on strike, and according to several of the workmen, who arrived in the city today, bridge building operations will be tied up for some time, as the men and the contractors are equally determined.

AUTOMOBILES BURNED

Restriction of Garage in Winnipeg Causes Heavy Loss—Team of Horses Cremated

WINNIPEG, May 17.—Forty automobiles, aggregating in value something like \$160,000, a building valued at \$60,000 and fourteen hundred gallons of gasoline went up in flames at the most spectacular fire Winnipeg has witnessed in years, when the Central garage caught fire tonight, and was totally destroyed, with its contents.

The garage had an extra heavy supply of gasoline on hand, the Winnipeg Oil company's team being in the tanks delivering when the fire broke out. The driver of the team made a hurried dash for the doors, but in his hurry neglected the team, which was burned to death. This mishap blocked the only exit, the other exits being wrapped in flames and thus prevented any of the cars being saved. The driver of the team is in the hospital, badly burned by the flaming gasoline.

JAPANESE PARTY UNDER SUSPICION

Men Who Failed to Reach the South Pole are Thought by Sydney People to be Intent on Spying.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 17.—This city is in a ferment of excitement over the actions and objects of the Japanese polar party under Commander Shirase, who, with his colleagues, are suspected of spying in an effort to secure plans of Australian fortifications. The party were compelled to return from their Southern expedition on account of the severe weather encountered, which resulted in the loss of their dogs. They have formed a camp close to the South Head fort, and have announced that it will be necessary to remain six months until more dogs are brought out from Japan. They have erected a hut, which they claim is to be used in the Antarctic, but this is obviously too flimsy an excuse.

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FIND MANY ABUSES

Grand Jury at Vancouver Condemns Unsanitary Condition of Jail and Other evils.

VANCOUVER, May 17.—Strong indictments of the liquor traffic, as it exists at present in this city, and of the unsanitary condition of the city jail were contained in the grand jury's verdict which was handed in to the assize court today. With their condemnation they coupled recommendations for closer inspection of the liquor traffic for police sub-stations, for a new main jail, for a home for girls, and that the provincial government provide some proper accommodation for the old people now kept as a charge on the city.

WOULD BENEFIT UNITED STATES

Governor Osborn of Michigan Argues for the Reciprocity Agreement Before Finance Committee of Senate.

BELITTLES CANADA AS WHEAT GROWER

Says Canadian Article is Inferior to that of his Country—Lumbermen's Objections to Agreement.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The address of Governor Osborn of Michigan, favoring the passage of the Canadian reciprocity bill, featured today's hearing before the senate finance committee on the reciprocity and free list bill.

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F. E. ISLAND CABINET

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., May 17.—A reorganization of the Liberal provincial cabinet took place last evening. Hon. H. J. Palmer succeeded Hon. A. L. Hasard, called to the bench, and Hon. Cyrus Crosby was appointed member of the executive without portfolio, filling a vacancy existing for several months. These were the only changes.

AVIATOR KILLED

Young Man Learning Birdman's Art, Falls to His Death at Los Angeles Grounds

LOS ANGELES, May 17.—A. V. Hartle, a young Colonel, ambitious to become an aviator, fell to his death today at Dominguez Field aviation grounds, where Arch Hoxsey met a tragic fate on December 21 last. It was Hartle's second day's apprenticeship as a birdman. After several minutes in the air early today, traversing the course at an elevation of about 100 feet, Hartle apparently lost control of his machine, a Curtiss type biplane of local construction, and pitched from his seat, landing on his head and shoulders from a height of about 50 feet. He died in a few minutes. His sister, Miss Annie Hartle, his almost inseparable companion, witnessed her brother's death.

DEATHS FROM HUNGARY

LEMBERG, Austria, May 17.—A cloudburst at Boryslaw, a town of 11,000 inhabitants, important for its petroleum and concrete deposits, today flooded the place, inundating the houses and shops and causing great damage at the oil works.

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CHICAGO, May 17.—Two persons are reported to have died here tonight by intense suffering from the humidity in the result of Chicago's hottest day, May 16, in thirty-eight years, according to the weather bureau. The maximum temperature was 92 degrees. The warm weather, which has been so persistent, has no relief from the heat is promised today.

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DRAFT TREATY OF ARBITRATION

Convention Drawn Up by the United States Government is Submitted to British and French Ambassadors.

INCLUSION OF FRANCE COMES AS SURPRISE

Practically All Classes of Dispute May be Submitted to Tribunal Under Provisions as Drawn.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The principle of arbitration of practically all disputes between nations, including questions of vital interest and national honor, assumed vitality today when Secretary Knox submitted to the British and French ambassadors at Washington the draft of a convention to serve as a basis of negotiations.

The fact that this movement would be inaugurated with France as well as with Great Britain came as a surprise as it was generally understood that only the United States and Britain were concerned. When President Taft last December enunciated the doctrine of arbitration he received a quick response from Ambassadors Bryce and Jusserand, the Great Britain and France were willing to begin negotiations with this country for the peaceful settlement of practically all future differences. As a result Secretary Knox has evolved a document which has received the approval of the president and cabinet, providing that all differences which are internationally justiciable shall be submitted to arbitration. It expands the scope of the existing arbitration treaties by including the acceptance of referring to arbitration questions of vital interest and national honor.

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