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PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CLOSED PROCEEDINGS.

Elder-Moderator Question Was Dropped--Question for Reducing Representation and Paying Expenses of Commissioners to Assembly Was Remitted.

Ottawa, June 20--(Special)--At the Presbyterian general assembly today a local address was adopted to His Majesty King Edward VII and another to the governor general.

It was decided to divide the presbytery of Regina into three presbyteries, namely Qu'Appelle, with Hugh Mackay as moderator; Regina, with the present moderator, and Prince Albert, with W. S. Moore as moderator.

The presbytery of Portage La Prairie was divided into two presbyteries, Portage La Prairie with its present moderator, and Dauphin with H. E. Scott as moderator.

One congregation and ten missionaries were taken from Calgary and added to the presbytery of Regina.

Rev. Dr. Torrance presented the statistical report and on motion of Principal Grant it was sent to a special committee to be revised before being published in blue book.

The report of the standing committee was adopted.

The assembly closed its proceedings this evening at 6.30 p. m. The report of distribution showed that 93 vacancies occurred during the year, and 65 were filled permanently.

A resolution was passed expressing the church's sense of loss in the death of Dr. G. L. Mackay, the Moderator of the assembly. The elder-moderator question was dropped.

The synod of British Columbia wanted the general assembly to assist in paying the expenses of commissioners to the assembly. This led to a discussion which resulted in remitting the whole question of reducing representation at assembly meetings to one out of every six instead of one out of four, and that the expenses of the commissioners be paid.

Meantime it was decided to give \$25 to pay the expenses of commissioners from British Columbia and the Northwest. A committee was appointed to consider the question of precedence.

The proceedings closed with the passing of the usual votes of thanks.

COLCHESTER LOCAL ELECTION.

Conservatives Have Convention--One Accepts and One Declines Nomination.

Turo, June 20--(Special)--The Conservatives of Colchester held a convention today to go through the form of nominating candidates for the local election. The delegates gathered were wedded to the nomination of T. G. McMillen, M. P. D., and Albert S. Black, wholesale grocer, two of the wealthiest men in the county.

Mr. McMillen, on the plea of ill health, could not be induced to accept the nomination. Mr. Black accepted. He is a young man and served a term in the town council a few years ago. The convention adjourned to meet after two days to try to get a second man to sacrifice himself to almost certain defeat.

ARBITRATION SETTLES HALIFAX STRIKE.

Compromise on 22 Cents an Hour--Arbitration Decided on for Future Troubles.

Halifax, June 20--(Special)--The big carpenters' strike, which has caused so much trouble here, was settled today; the arbitrators, to whom the matter was referred, giving the men 22 cents per hour, an increase of four cents over former wages. The men demanded 25 cents. The new scale goes into effect August 1, and in the meantime the old rate will be continued.

It was also agreed that the men should resume work at once, and that in future all disputes shall be submitted to arbitration.

ASSAULT IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

Trial of Bowery Restaurant Man Charged with Killing a Man Over a Six Cent Meal.

New York, June 20--Wm. Allen and Jens Fredsen, cashier and manager of the Mission Restaurant, on the Bowery, were tried today on indictments for murder in the third degree. It was charged that they, with two others, caused the death of Charles E. Gale, a sailor from Providence, R. I., on March 2. Gale was badly beaten because he had gone into the restaurant and had eaten a six-cent meal without having the money to pay for it. He was found dead by the police. The defence was that the man had died of heart disease. The jury brought in a verdict of assault in the third degree.

NO PREFERENTIAL DUTY ON SUGAR FROM THE BRITISH COLONIES.

Sir Michael Says No, and the Proposition is Voted Down in British Commons--Foreign Trade Greater Than from the Colonies.

London, June 20--During the course of a discussion of the clauses of the finance bill in the house of commons today, the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, informed the mover of an amendment providing for a preferential duty on sugar from the British colonies, that he had no intention of embarking on such a policy. It would benefit neither this country nor the colonies, would deprive the exchequer of revenue without benefitting the consumer and might endanger trade with foreign countries.

The chancellor said there was a strong feeling on this subject in Germany and the acceptance of the amendment would mean running a most serious risk of losing the favored nation treatment Great Britain now enjoyed in Germany. If preference was extended to sugar from Canada, Australia would want special treatment for other products, and then foreign countries would offer the same concessions to the colonies and ask for similar treatment. He was not prepared to risk the loss of Great Britain's foreign trade which was greater than the trade of the colonies. The preference granted by Canada had not greatly benefited trade between Great Britain and Canada.

For the simple reason that the preference granted will left a protective duty against the British and in favor of the Canadian manufacturer.

The amendment was negatived by a vote of 261 to 16.

The outcome of the debate proved to be somewhat amusing. Knowing the weakness of their following, the supporters of the amendment tried to withdraw it, but the Irish members insisted upon a division with a result that only 10 members voted in its favor and the mover of the amendment, Mr. Ernest Flower, (Conservative) himself voted against it.

There was considerable laughter at the expense of Sir Charles Howard Vincent (Conservative), the leading spirit of the protectionist party.

The free traders expressed the greatest satisfaction at the outcome of the division and regarded the incident as a great blow to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's pet idea of a "Zollverein."

Sir Charles Howard Vincent, in the course of the debate, expressed his regret that Mr. Chamberlain was not there to defend the "Zollverein." Mr. Chamberlain is confined to his bed by gout and is not likely to appear in parliament for several days.

MR. KELLER MAKES STRONG DENIAL

On the Stand in the Barker Shooting Case--Changes from His Lethargic Condition to One of Active Attention--Evidence as to Character.

New York, June 20--With the evidence all in, the fact ends gathered together, the Barker trial came to an end late this afternoon, except for the argument by counsel and the charge by Judge Blair. The jury will have the case by 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

There is much gossip and speculation relative to the outcome.

Today Mr. Keller was once more on the stand. He seemed to have been aroused for the time from the lethargic state which marked his conduct and action when he testified on direct examination. Then he spoke in a low tired voice. Today his denials of the allegations of Mr. and Mrs. Barker were spoken in a loud firm tone and when he replied in the negative when asked if the alleged outrage was the reason Mrs. Barker left the church, he shouted out the "No" so that it rang through the court room. He denied Barker spoke to him or he to Barker when they came together on the morning of the shooting. His denials were strong, positive, absolute. He denied he ever borrowed money from Mrs. Barker. He admitted he had paid her one of the sums mentioned. He was not allowed to tell why he paid it to her or what the debt was, but was allowed to say it was not a personal one. When on the stand today, Mr. Keller showed no spirit, but today as he denied the truth of the statements of the Barkers he was more like the Keller of a year ago, his friends said, than he has been at any time since the shooting.

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THE LETTER WENT TO GLOUCESTER.

Delayed Information of Wreck at Sable Island--Young Miner Injured.

Halifax, June 20--(Special)--The agent of marine and fisheries received a letter today from Keeper Tobin, of the East End lighthouse, Sable Island. The letter was sent in care of the captain of a Gloucester schooner, who took it to Gloucester and mailed it. The letter contained the information that, on June 2nd, Tobin discovered a wreck two miles beyond the eastern end of the Dry Bar.

A life boat crew went off from the south side, but fog set in and it was impossible for them to locate the wreck. They returned to the island and at the same time the crew of the wrecked vessel landed, eight in all, in their own boat. The vessel proved to be the French brigantine Stella Marie, from Turin Island for St. Pierre, Miquelon, with salt.

When the letter was sent the vessel was lying on her side and not much injured. The steamer Newfoundland will go down next week and bring up the crew.

Michael Martine, aged 21, belonging to Lunenburg, Annapolis county, was seriously injured at Albion mines this morning. He was employed at the coal crusher and in some way his coat was caught in the shafting, and before he could be extricated he sustained serious head wounds. He is still unconscious, but may recover.

CARDINAL GIBBONS WILL LEAVE ROME.

Will Visit Normandy--Probable Result of His Visit.

Rome, June 20--Cardinal Gibbons will start tomorrow for Florence and in a few days will go to Normandy for a month's rest. Although the cardinal refuses to discuss his mission to Rome, it is said in some quarters that the suggestions of the Vatican in regard to the diplomatic representation of the United States there, came to nothing.

Cardinal Gibbons is understood to have accomplished a great deal towards the settlement of the Cuba and Philippine questions, and regarding Catholicism in the United States.

CANADIAN CEREAL COMBINE.

Rival to American Concern Organized in the Upper Provinces.

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PORTIA KNIGHT'S SUIT.

Breach of Promise Action Against Duke of Manchester Set for Hearing.

London, June 20--The Exchange Telegraph Company says that the legal preliminaries in the suit of Portia Knight, the American actress, against the Duke of Manchester, for breach of promise, have been completed and the case has been set for a hearing. Col. Knight is here to support his daughter's interests.

Mark Hanna for U. S. President.

Chicago, June 20--Wm. J. Bryan, in a talk with a Chicago newspaper man, today said:

"I am for Mark Hanna for the Republican candidate for president next time, and hope the Republicans will nominate him; but I'm not sure I can control their convention."

Firemen's Tournament at Springfield.

Springfield, Mass., June 20--Heavy cross and head winds on the steams of water prevented good scores in the play out of the veteran firemen's muster here today. Eight companies were represented at the meet. First prize, \$250, was won by the Winchendon, Mass., company, engine Columbia, 164 feet, 4 1/8 inches.

CHILDREN OUT THE WINDOW.

A Mother's Rescue of Her Offspring at a Fire in Amherst Thursday Morning.

Amherst, June 20--(Special)--About 6 o'clock this morning fire broke out in a house on Union Road, owned by ex-Councillor A. W. Moffatt, and occupied by Harry Cook (colored). The building was completely gutted. The family were sleeping up stairs at the time and was, with difficulty awakened. Cook managed to get out the door, but Mrs. Cook broke out the bedroom window and threw the two children to the ground. One of them was severely cut about the feet. Mrs. Cook's wrist was badly cut by the glass in the window.

THURSDAY'S FIRE AT FREDERICTON.

The Losses and Insurance Statement--The Herald Will Not Print Before Monday.

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AFFAIRS IN CUBA.

The Settlement of Difficulties Arising Out of Elections--Fraudulent Ballots.

Havana, June 20--Lieut. Col. Scott, who went to Cienfuegos to settle difficulties growing out of the recent elections, has returned and reports that the count of the ballots is not yet finished and is being continued under the direction of a military board. Col. Scott further reports that many fraudulent ballots have been shown out. Cienfuegos is quiet and the majority of its citizens are apparently not interested in the result of the electoral contest. Col. Scott does not believe there will be any disturbance, no matter which candidate is eventually counted in.

The Conservative element in the Cuban constitutional convention is trying to ignore the electoral commission to protect against universal suffrage. The majority of the commission, however, are in favor of universal suffrage, arguing that it is impossible to avoid it as the convention embodied the idea in the Cuban constitution. The electoral commission expects to finish its work July 1.

Quebec Bridge.

Quebec, June 20--(Special)--A big cascade for the Quebec bridge was successfully launched today and towed into place and fixed in position within an hour and a half.

Torpedo Engine Explodes.

Berlin, June 20--A torpedo engine in the torpedo boat works at Friedrichshafen, near Kiel, has exploded, killing an engineer and wounding a number of other persons.

EXHIBITIONS CLASH.

Indignation Meeting at Sussex Thursday Night.

MATTER OF DATES.

Fredericton the Other Party to the Collision--Sussex Claims to Have Been First in Field and to Have Advertized Dates in March Last.

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BLONDIN WAS IN LAWRENCE.

Back to Scene of Crime Charged to Him, Attracted by Fatal Fascination.

Lawrence, Mass., June 20--The Lawrence Sun will say tomorrow:

"It seems certain that after murdering his wife Blondin came to this city. This much is known. About the time when the crime was committed a man giving the name of Blondin applied for and secured work in the Atlantic cotton mills here. He worked in the mill a couple of weeks and then mysteriously disappeared. He gave his right name and his fellow employees say he answers to the description furnished of the suspected murderer. Conclusive evidence that the mill employee was Blondin is found in the fact that his pay has not yet been drawn. It would not be at all surprising if Blondin came here after the murder, as he formerly resided in this city and he may have been attracted by that fatal fascination which draws criminals to places intimately connected with their crimes."

COMPLAINT AS TO BRITAIN'S FLEET.

"Want of Proper Strength and Efficiency" in the Mediterranean.

London, June 21--The Daily Mail publishes a letter from Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, to a correspondent, complaining of the want of proper strength and efficiency in Great Britain's Mediterranean fleet.

Lord Charles says that his duty as second in command of the fleet prevents his giving his reasons publicly. He further says that he has communicated his views on the subject to the proper authorities in as strong and clear English as he can command.

GIVEN UP BY H'S FATHER.

Had Confessed to Assault and Father Told Police, Releasing Innocent Man.

Lebanon, N. H., June 20--Eugene Mulligan was surrendered to the police during the night by his father, he having confessed to the attempted assault upon Miss Frances Finn, a professional nurse. The young man has shown signs of an un sound mind for some years. He was examined today by Drs. Lamb and Hazleton, who certified to his insanity, and Justice Dole ordered his confinement to the New Hampshire hospital at Concord. Max Mulligan, the first man arrested, was discharged by the court.

Poisoned Her Husband.

Baltimore, Md., June 20--Mary E. Jackson (colored), was convicted of murder in the first degree today. She put poison in some corn bread which her husband, William Jackson, ate and died two days later. Unless a new trial is secured or the governor pardons the woman, she will be hanged.

Passenger Flier Ditched.

Greenville, Pa., June 20--By the ditching of the Erie and Pittsburgh passenger flier at Transfer, this morning, four passengers were hurt but none of them seriously.

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ON SAME LINES AS CANADA.

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THEFT OF A SAFE.

Found Battered on River Bank--Empty Money Bags with It.

Toledo, O., June 20--This afternoon, several fishermen, while strolling along the river two miles south of the city, discovered a large iron safe on which was the name of the Pacific Express Company. The door had apparently been battered in with a large hammer. On the inside were a number of empty money bags and vaults. The express company's agent here was out of the city and the clerk refused to make any statement. However, they identified the safe as being the property of the company. They stated that such a safe was sent out of this city Tuesday night, on a through car to Wabash, for St. Louis and Omaha, but decline to say anything as to what it contained. There were six money bags in the safe when it was found. The safe was marked Omaha. They do not indicate what their contents might have been. It is believed, however, that the safe was stolen Wednesday night.

It is believed that the men hauled the safe in a stolen rig. There is a rumour that the safe contained \$8,000 in gold, but this has not as yet been confirmed.

MORE CHINESE TROUBLE?

Alleged That Veteran Troops Are Organizing to Raise Rebellion.

London, June 21--A despatch to the Standard from Shanghai announces that trustworthy reports say that General Tung Fu Hsiang is organizing a large body of veteran troops, with the intention of raising a rebellion in the northwestern provinces of the middle kingdom.

London, June 21--A high native authority, cables the Shanghai correspondent of the Times says Germany pursues a policy of China pay the indemnity in small annual amounts for 14 years, with increased amounts for the remaining 26 years, and that Great Britain will probably agree to this proposition.

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