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OTTAWA HEARS RELIEF SHIP IS DOING WELL

The Newfoundland Progressing to the Aid of the Ice-bound Minto.

CHANGE IN PARLIAMENT.

Custom of New Members Moving and Seconing the Address is Abandoned This Year - Census Returns of the Esquimaux of Ungava Received from Anglican Clergyman.

Ottawa, March 9.—(Special)—Captain Farquhar, of the S. S. Newfoundland, who is making for the relief of the government steamer Minto and Stanley and who touched at St. Paul's Island, has succeeded in getting through the heavy ice around Cape North and is making good progress.

M. O. Zeland has been appointed to the command of the government steamer Lord Stanley to carry on the hydrographic surveys of the marine department with Captain Stewart. The Lord Stanley has for the past year been in the commission of the public works department, but has returned to the marine department's control.

The census department has just received the enumeration of the Ungava district. It was forwarded by Rev. W. F. Walton, Anglican missionary to the Esquimaux, and is dated Sept. 4, 1902. The enumeration shows that there are 42 Esquimaux families, a total of 174 souls in the Ungava country. They are all Anglians and all understand the English language.

Col. A. T. Thompson, of Haldimand, will move the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of parliament, and L. F. Demers, St. John's and Theriville, will second it.

The usual custom of getting newly elected members to go to Fredericton and talk over with the government the questions of establishing a college of agriculture and a scheme for the consolidation of rural schools.

J. G. Turf, dominion land commissioner and at one time a member of the Nova Scotia legislature, gave an interesting address before the Ottawa board of trade on 25 years' progress in the Northwest. He referred to his own experience in pioneer life in the west and said the fertile plains offered possibilities not to be found elsewhere and people who went in without any means were today worth from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

There were now in operation 4,145 miles of railway with 1,140 projected, not including the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the Canadian Northern could not handle the traffic without a blockade. The total crop of Manitoba and the Northwest was 125,000,000 bushels. In 10 years at the present rate of growth it would reach 400,000,000 bushels for export. This would mean 80 train loads a day for 300 weeks set were bound up with the west where the manufacturer marketed his goods.

NEW BRUNSWICK MATTERS. Professor Robertson has been asked by Premier Tweedie to go to Fredericton and talk over with the government the questions of establishing a college of agriculture and a scheme for the consolidation of rural schools.

BANGOR JURY FIXES CRIME OF MURDER ON NEGRO ALBERT.

Prisoner at Once Arraigned and Held for Grand Jury for Murder of Policeman.

Officials Relieved to Have Him Behind the Bars Again as They Fear Violence by the People—Proceedings Were Kept Secret Because of Popular Feeling.

Bangor, Me., March 9.—The inquest in the death of Patrick H. Jordan, the Bangor patrolman who was murdered Saturday night, was held this afternoon by Coroner John T. Keilher. Thirteen witnesses were examined and the jury returned a verdict that Jordan had been shot by William Albert.

W. J. BRYAN AIRS HIS POLITICAL VIEWS.

He Predicts That the Republican Party Will Not Be in Favor Much Longer.

Toledo, Ohio, March 9.—Col. W. J. Bryan, in an interview today, told his recent visit to New York and added that the people in that state know less about politics than they do in the west.

OFFERED A HARD PROPOSITION.

Canadian Lawyer Invited to Run as a Liberal in a Tory Stronghold, York, England.

Toronto, March 9.—(Special)—The Telegram's special cable from London says that William Greenwood, a graduate of Toronto University and a native of Wexley (Ont.), has received a unanimous invitation to contest the city of York for the British House of Commons as the Liberal candidate.

York is a Tory stronghold, its two present members having been elected without opposition. Mr. Greenwood is a barrister and lecturer frequently on Canadian subjects. He was offered the nomination at the last British general elections, but declined.

Greenwood is a brother of W. H. Greenwood, news editor of the Toronto World, and not long ago visited Canada.

Deserters or Not? New York, March 9.—Captain Edward Coffin and the American crew who are to man the American ship which William Zeigler will send north to find the pole, will sail tomorrow on the steamer Kaiser Wilkeson De Groen.

Three of the men who had been selected are not likely to sail tomorrow, however. They are James Gowing, Allan Montross and A. Belders of New Bedford, and were members of the crew of the United States revenue cutter Samuel Dexter until they joined the party.

They left the Dexter, and it was said today that an effort might be made by the government to obtain their return as deserters. The men declare that there was no such thing as desertion in the revenue cutter service. Until it is shown that the government has no legal claim on them they will not be permitted to become members of the crew of the American.

BURNING OIL HEMS IN PEOPLE; 22 LIVES LOST.

Sufferers Grovelling in the Ditches Trying to Extinguish the Flames.

TANKS EXPLODED.

Some Victims Hurling Through the Air, Others All Afire, Like Human Torches, Seek Relief in Flight—Burned Beyond Recognition.

Olean, N. Y., March 9.—A score or more people were killed and a large number injured by an explosion of oil near here tonight. A freight train on the Erie, made up principally of tank cars filled with oil, broke in two about 9 o'clock. The two sections then came together with a crash, and one of the oil tanks was demolished. Fire broke out and the sky was lighted up for miles. A large crowd of people left the city for the scene of the fire.

While they were lined along the track a terrific explosion occurred. The flames communicated quickly with the other tank cars and a second and third explosion followed in rapid succession. Sheets of flames shot out in all directions. Scores of persons were caught within the zone of the fire and enveloped in flames. Men and boys ran screaming down the tracks with their clothing a mass of flames. Others fell where they stood, overcome by the awful heat. Just how many were killed is not known, as many of the bodies were incinerated.

Sydney Fish, a prominent business man, returned from the scene of the fire at midnight. He said: "I was attracted to the scene of the fire between 9 and 10 o'clock. When I was within a quarter of a mile of the wrecked train there was a terrific explosion. Flames shot outward and upward for a great distance. I saw several persons who started to run away, drop on the railway tracks, and they never moved again. Others who had been standing close to the wreckage were hurled through the air for hundreds of feet.

The Scene Awful. "The scene was awful. Half a dozen young boys ran down the tracks with their clothing on fire. They resembled human torches. I could hear their agonized screams distinctly from where I stood. They ran some distance down the track, and threw themselves to the ground, grovelling in the ditches in their frantic efforts to extinguish the flames. Then they laid still, some of them unconscious, others dead. I don't know how many were killed, but I counted 20 bodies before I came away."

Word was at once sent to Olean police headquarters by telephone. Every doctor and ambulance in the city was summoned. Greasy wagons and carriages of all kinds were pressed into service, and everything possible was done to bring the wounded without delay to the city hospitals for treatment.

At midnight the first of the wounded arrived at the hospital. They were found to be young boys. Their injuries were frightful. Great patches of flesh were burned off and hung in shreds from their bodies.

Olean, N. Y., March 10.—A report from the scene of the accident at 10 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning, says 22 bodies have been taken to the hospital. Some of them are burned beyond recognition, only the trunks and skulls remaining.

TWELVE CLERKS DISCHARGED BY C. P. R.

Railroad Officials Say They Had Too Much Help—Clerks Say Being Members of a Union is the Cause.

Montreal, March 9.—(Special)—A dozen clerks were discharged today at the head offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The officials say the clerks were laid off owing to need to reduce the staff, but those who lost their positions say membership of the new organization of railway clerks was the cause. All were members of the branch of the international union formed here last week. President Myers, of the union, has been summoned to Montreal.

Lives Lost in Boston Fire. Boston, March 10.—During a tenement house fire on Webster street, East Boston, this morning a number of families had very narrow escapes from death from both flames and smoke. The police say that two men lost their lives. A search of the house is being made as it is reported at the fire that an entire family were smothered. The fire loss was not great.

ADDING THIRTY-NINE VESSELS TO BRITISH NAVY AT A BIG COST

The Estimates, Issued Last Evening, Provide for Expenditure of \$179,184,205.

Lord Selbourne Announces the Formation of a New Squadron, the "South Atlantic"—Increase in the Number of Officers and Men to Man the Ships.

London, March 9.—The British navy estimates for 1903-04 issued this evening, provide for an expenditure of \$179,184,205, an increase of \$16,010,000, of which amount \$11,180,000 will be devoted to ship building and repairs. The maintenance estimates provide for 127,100 officers and men, an increase of 4,600 officers and men. The total expenditure for ship building, repairs and maintenance is \$89,103,600. The new construction includes three battleships, four armored cruisers, three torpedo boat destroyers, 10 submarine torpedo boats, two coast guard cruisers, a river gunboat and an auxiliary yacht.

AMERICAN BARK DASHED TO PIECES.

Crew Claims Officers Were Intoxicated and Let Vessel Drift on a Reef—Five Men Missing.

San Francisco, March 9.—Captain Jorgensen and nine of the crew of the American bark Alex. McNeil, which was stranded on Frutas Reef, near Hon Kong on December 24, arrived here today on the steamer Olympic from the Orient. The sailors state that shortly after the vessel left Hong Kong, on December 19, the officers became intoxicated and the vessel drifted from her proper course, finally bringing up on the reef where she went to pieces. A drunken fight followed the stranding of the vessel, during which the sailors from her proper course, finally bringing up on the reef where she went to pieces.

NATIONS WOO BRITAIN.

French Press Thinks That an Anglo-German Alliance is Unlikely.

London, March 7.—Impressed by the recent speeches of Chamberlain and Curzon in London and by Herr Delbrück's observations in the Preussische Jahrbucher, says the Paris correspondent of the Times, the British government is being wooed by the nations which two years ago took a very different tone. The Sicco contends Delbrück's views are in favor of Anglo-German friendship; second, Anglo-French sympathy; third, British antipathy to Germany.

HANGED IN ALASKA.

Homer Bird, Who Killed Two Men, Pays the Penalty.

Seattle, Washington, March 9.—A special to the Times from Sitka says: Homer Bird was legally executed here Friday. The execution was void of accident. Bird walked the hundred yards from the jail and mounted the scaffold without assistance.

SERIOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

London, March 10.—The Daily Mail correspondent at Shanghai telegraphs that the rebellion in the Kwang Si province is spreading seriously. Several villages have been captured and authority of the government in that province is practically at an end. The popular hatred for the Christians, adds the correspondent, is displayed in the Shan Tung province by the destruction of the churches.

PERRY, THE NEGRO, CONFESSED HE WAS "THE SLUGGER."

Admitted the Murder of Miss Morton of Halifax, and Miss McPhee.

TOLD THE SHERIFF.

Said Mason, Who Had Been Arrested, Had Nothing to Do With the Grimes—Wouldn't Say More Than That it Was He Who Struck Down Both Women.

Cambridge, Mass., March 9.—George L. O. Perry, the negro lad who was indicted for the murders of Miss Agnes McPhee, of Somerville, and Miss Clara Morton, of Waverly, made a confession when he realized that he could not live, and now that he is dead, Sheriff Fairbairn has made public in all departments is making satisfactory progress and gives details of a number of changes tending toward the decentralization and improvement of naval work. He announces the formation of a new squadron, to be known as the South Atlantic squadron. It will serve on the west coast of Africa and along the southeast coast of America, with bases at Gibraltar and Sierra Leone.

LONG, STEADY CHASE OF THE BURDICK MURDERER.

Buffalo Dist. Attorney Leaves Whole Case Temporarily With the Police.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 9.—Investigation into the Burdick murder mystery has settled down to what will likely prove a long, relentless chase. The district attorney has turned his attention to continue business of his office, leaving the case temporarily in the hands of the police. When they submit convincing evidence to him he will again take it up. Supt. Bell and Chief of Detectives Ousack profess to be not at all cast down or discouraged by the failure.

SERIOUS FLOODS IN MANY PLACES.

People Forced to Leave Their Homes—Bridges Swept Away and Railroad Traffic Impossible.

Lincoln, Neb., March 9.—Ice gorges in the Platte River and its tributaries have caused serious floods in Central Nebraska. Railway traffic is demoralized. The heavy rain in Southern Nebraska the Republican river is out of its banks and full of ice. The bridge at Harry has been swept away.

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FREDERICTON HAS ELECTED THREE NEW ALDERMEN.

Messrs. Ryan and Boyer Failed to Be Returned to Council in Yesterday's Contest.

J. A. Edwards, James A. Rogers, and John S. Scott the New Man-Young Fredericton Man Accepts a Position in St. John—Giving Up Law for Farming.

Fredericton, March 9.—(Special)—The civic elections here today passed off quietly and apart from the candidates and their friends there was but little interest manifested. Only two of the five wards were contested and three new men secured their election to the council board.

John Palmer was elected mayor by acclamation and the aldermen in Carlisle, St. Ann and Queens wards also had a bloodless victory.

DECLARATION DAY IN GLOUCESTER.

Bathurst, March 9.—(Special)—Declaration day passed off very quietly, and the successful and defeated candidates briefly thanked the electors.

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ENGLISH SETTLERS TO FOUND TOWNS IN NORTHWEST.

2,000 of Rev. Mr. Barr's Party to Sail April 1, and 2,000 More to Follow Soon.

DEVLIN ELECTED M. P.

No Opposition to Canada in the Galway Election—Sir Thos. Shaughnessy Due in London Thursday, When C. P. R.'s Steamship Deal Will Be Completed.

Montreal, March 9.—(Special)—A special London cable to the Star says: "In view of the interest taken here in the all British settlements in the Northwest, and the fact that many other groups are being organized quite independently of the Rev. Mr. Barr's scheme, it is most important that it should be officially announced from Ottawa that equal homestead privileges are to be extended to all acceptable British settlers within the same area. These independent emigrant groups include excellent hard working farmers, possessing capital."

Young Englishmen working for Manitoba farmers are also writing home asking friends to apply for homesteads for them in the Manitoba districts for settlement on the expiry of their terms of service in Manitoba. Rev. Mr. Barr sails on the Lake Manitoba on April 1 with 2,000 settlers, whom the papers describe as pilgrim fathers and mothers. The children are drawn from all parts of the country, and include 1,000 tons of supplies carried with 1,000 tons of 2,000 waterproof sheets and a large supply of army blankets. It is stated in journals here that three towns are to be called Preston, Harrier and Lloydville.

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