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MARCUS HANNA'S CAREER ENDED.

Wanted Away at 6.40 Monday Night.

Ill-fated Politician Clung to Life, Although His Physicians Expected Dissolution Hours before He Succumbed—History of His Illness.

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DESPERATE PLIGHT OF N. S. SCHOONER AND CREW.

The Scotia Queen of Parrboro Is Now Breaking to Pieces on Tuckernuck Shoal, and No Aid Can Be Sent to the Men on Board.

ALL SORTS OF RUMORS OF JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN LOSSES AT PORT ARTHUR.

Eight of Czar's Fleet Reported Sunk and Ten Captured.

Daily Mail Asserts That Japan Lost One Battleship, Had a Cruiser Disabled and Lost Two Torpedo Boats—Russian Fleet Driven Back by Storm After Bombarding Hakodate—Marquis Ito's Statement.

Storm Drives Russian Cruisers Back.

Paris, Feb. 16.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg says it is affirmed there that after the bombardment of Hakodate (which was not mentioned in the despatch) the four Russian cruisers which took part in the engagement were driven back to Vladivostok by a storm.

Supreme Court of Canada in Session.

Five Cases from New Brunswick to Be Argued, Among Which is Travers vs. Casey.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—(Special)—The supreme court of Canada begins its February session tomorrow. The docket is light, only twenty cases being listed, of which not more than twenty-five at most will be argued.

There are five cases from New Brunswick which will be first heard after the motions are disposed. There are three motions, one of which will probably be postponed until the Quebec cases are reached.

Wood vs. LeBlanc is the first New Brunswick case, the others being Miller vs. Robertson, Travers vs. Casey, Madson vs. Emerson and Peoples' Bank vs. Estey.

A case from Prince Edward Island was brought on, Attorney will not be argued. McLaughlin Carriage Company vs. Wick is the only case from Nova Scotia. The Lisgar election is on the list but is not ready to be heard.

British Brig Badly Damaged.

London, Feb. 15.—It is reported that the British brig Calidora, Captain Taylor, from Cadix (Nfld.), which was out into the Bay Feb. 10, with deck leaky, lost its mast and other rigging sustained a loss estimated at \$400, and it will take a month to make the necessary repairs.

Situation at Port Arthur Unchanged Say Russians.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.—Major-General Pflug, Viceroi Alexieff's chief of staff, telegraphed to the Russian government that the situation at Port Arthur was unchanged.

Reports from Yin Kan, near Newchwang, continue, declares that the Japanese are making no progress in their advance to land at Tsin Jenda. A message received from the frontier guard says that mounted patrols, believed to be Japanese, were seen yesterday in the vicinity of Hsin Ming Ting, north-west of Mukden.

No Japanese battleships have been seen in the roadstead of Tatum Kan, at the mouth of the Yalu river.

WOLVES ATTACK TWO LUMBERMEN

Help Arrived in the Nick of Time.

Canadian Officers Anxious to Watch Japanese Campaign--Men Selected to Delimitate Alaskan Boundary--Missionaries in Korea to be Safeguarded.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—(Special)—John McFadden and W. H. Cook, the former head log marker and the latter cook in Gillmour and Kennedy's shanty, three miles from North Wakefield, a station on the Gaitanau Valley Railway, 50 miles from Ottawa, left the shanty to go to Mr. Kennedy's farm, about a mile distant.

They had just entered a dark jungle-like portion of the woods when they were attacked by a pack of hungry timber wolves and were closely pursued to the edge of a lake, known as Jameson Lake. The men shouted as they ran and were fortunately heard by some of the teamsters who happened to be going to feed their horses at the time, and who at once went to their assistance.

More by good luck than good management there were two Winchester rifles at the camp, which were taken along. As soon as Mr. McFadden saw the rifles he asked for one and at once brought down one of the brutes by his unflinching aim. The skin can be seen at the camp and is of a very large size.

Canadian Officers Anxious to Watch Japanese Campaign.

Scores of Canadian officers are applying to the military department for authority to follow the Japanese army through its campaign with Russia, in order to pick up lessons for the Canadian service. It is not yet known, however, whether any Canadians will be chosen for this purpose. The question is now before the minister of militia.

afeguarding Canadian Missionaries.

A few days ago Rev. E. A. McCurdy, of Halifax, sent a telegram to the Hon. R. W. Scott, secretary of state, asking him to take the necessary steps to secure immediate protection for the missionaries of the Presbyterian church, now in Corea.

Mr. Scott at once called the British minister at Seoul to protect the missionaries and church property at the places mentioned in his telegram. The following reply has been received from the British minister at Seoul via Pacific cable:—

Seoul, Feb. 14, 1904.

Scott, Secretary of State, Ottawa, Canada:

Telegraphic communication with Song Ching interrupted, but I sent message on 11th inst. to Wonsan in Corea, overland recommending that women and children at Song Ching and Hanbeung should be sent to Wonsan.

To Delimitate Alaskan Boundary.

W. F. King, chief astronomer of Canada, representing the dominion government, and Litzman, head of coast and geodetic survey, representing the United States, have been appointed to delimitate Alaskan boundary line, now in Corea. The meeting will be held immediately, most probably at Washington, by King and Litzman to make all necessary arrangements for the prosecution of the work.

BALFOUR'S GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED BY 51 MAJORITY.

John Morley's Want of Confidence Motion Voted Down Although the Irish Vote Went Solidly With the Opposition.

(Associated Press).

London, Feb. 15.—By a majority of 51 the house of commons tonight defeated John Morley's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne concerning the government's fiscal policy and which was moved by Mr. Morley in behalf of the opposition. There were 278 votes in favor of the amendment and 327 against it.

The result, as forecasted in these despatches, was a foregone conclusion. The opposition did not entertain any idea that it would be possible to oust the Conservative government. The division took the form of a vote of want of confidence in the government, which implied many Unionists who totally disagree with the idea of protection to vote to keep Premier Balfour in power. A general election is now expected in the autumn.

The action of the Irish party in voting solidly against the government was tonight succinctly explained to the Associated Press by John Redmond, the Irish leader, as follows:—

"Ireland has suffered in the past equally from the protectionists as from the free trade policy of England. We are determined to use the complications which have arisen in the English parties solely for the purpose of forwarding the cause of home rule."

The most notable feature of the debate has been the hopeless division of opinion among cabinet officers, some favoring Mr. Chamberlain's out and out protection, while others seconded Mr. Balfour's half-way measure of power to retaliate. Sarcasm was a member of the house who voted with the government tonight did not frankly admit his ignorance of the degree of fiscal reform, to which the cabinet is really committed.

FREDERICTON G.R.L. BACHELORS GIVE A BALL

About 200 Attend an Enjoyable Function Monday Evening.

Much interest in St. John Election at the Capital—Eight U. N. B. Students Summoned to Police Court for Invading the Normal School—Other News.

Fredericton, Feb. 15.—(Special)—The leap year ball given by the bachelor students of Fredericton at Windsor Hall, this evening, was a very brilliant and successful function, near 200 ladies and gentlemen were present and danced until the wee sma' hour to music provided by the Royal Regiment orchestra. At midnight an excellent supper was served. The chaperones were Mesdames W. T. Whitehead, E. S. Hilyard, George Y. Dibble, T. Cawston Allen, Fred Robinson and W. H. Norton-Taylor.

The young ladies who planned and carried out the affair are to be congratulated on the success which attended their efforts.

Dr. O. E. Moorehouse, a prominent physician of Keswick, and an ex-warden of the county, is to be married at the cathedral in New Hampshire, and four sons, James and Andrew at home, William, of Boston, and John of Fairville. The funeral will be Wednesday forenoon.

Miss S. C. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. James F. VanBuren will leave tomorrow on a trip to Boston and New York.

The outcome of the St. John election is being awaited here with considerable interest.

A number of the young friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Vavasour tendered them a surprise party at their residence this evening.

The farm house of Mrs. Chas. McNutt, at Nashua, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning with all its contents. The fire caught from a defective fuse. Loss estimated 1,000. No insurance.

Police Magistrate Marsh today issued summonses for eight university students for disturbing the Normal School exercises Friday morning.

W. E. Smith, manager of the N. B. Telephone Co., is ill with typhoid fever.

FIERCE STORM AT HALIFAX MONDAY NIGHT.

Snow Storm Tied Up Tram Cars, and Wind Blew a Hurricane—All Trains Delayed.

Halifax, Feb. 15.—(Special)—A heavy east, northeast gale with snow commenced here about 9.30 o'clock this afternoon and continued till nearly midnight, when the weather cleared.

Between 6 and 8 o'clock the storm was at its height, the wind blowing with almost hurricane force. By 8 o'clock the tram cars were all "tied up" and it was not until after midnight that the lines were cleared and the cars got back to the power house.

The trains were all behind time, the Sydney Ferry reaching here at midnight; the C. P. R. is reported six hours behind time.

The mail steamer Laurentian, which reached here at 1 p. m. from St. John, will not get away for Liverpool until tomorrow forenoon.

LORD ROBERTS RETIRES FROM BRITISH WAR OFFICE.

He Will Act on Imperial Defence Committee—Duke of Connaught Appointed Inspector General.

London, Feb. 15.—It is officially announced that Lord Roberts has retired from the war office, but that at the special request of Premier Balfour he has consented to place his services at the disposal of the committee for imperial defence.

The Duke of Connaught has been appointed inspector-general under the army reform scheme.

PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-JAPANESE LEGISLATION

Mikado's Consul General at Montreal Interviews Sir Wilfrid Laurier About British Columbia's Action.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—(Special)—Mr. Nasse, the Japanese Consul at Montreal, arrived here tonight. He came to see Sir Wilfrid Laurier to protest against the legislation of the British Columbia legislature enacted about a week ago to exclude Japanese from arriving in Canada.

The B. C. legislature has on several occasions passed similar legislation, but it has always been disallowed by the dominion government.

PROMINENT NORTH SHORE MAN DEAD.

Alderman Andrew McIntosh of Chatham Passed Away Monday.

Deceased Was Chief Government Scaler for the Northern Counties, and Had Held Many Positions of Trust in the Town of Chatham.

Chatham, N. B., Feb. 15.—(Special)—Seldom has a death in our town caused such general and genuine sorrow as that of Alderman Andrew McIntosh, which occurred at his home this morning. He deceased was chief government scaler for the northern counties, had occupied a seat in the town council ever since incorporation in 1896, had been chairman of the board of works for the last three years and for his faithful performance of duty and genial nature was highly esteemed. He was sixty-eight years old and had been in failing health for a year. He leaves a wife, five daughters, Mrs. James Nowlan, Mrs. Robert Barnett, Sister McIntosh of the Hotel Dieu, Miss Nellie of this place and Mrs. Michael Coulbig of New Hampshire, and four sons, James and Andrew at home, William, of Boston, and John of Fairville. The funeral will be Wednesday forenoon.

STOLEN JEWELRY RECOVERED AT MONCTON

Frank Stevenson, Convicted at Amherst Yesterday, Sold the Articles, and it is Believed They Were Stolen from a Guest at a Halifax Hotel—A. O. H. Ladies' Auxiliary Formed.

Moncton, Feb. 15.—(Special)—I. C. R. Inspector Skeffington has in his possession some stolen articles of jewelry which were disposed of in Moncton and which it is believed were stolen from the King Edward Hotel, Halifax, some weeks ago.

Inspector Skeffington has learned that the articles secured by him were disposed of here by Frank Stevenson, now awaiting trial at Amherst on charge of stealing a fur coat and against whom other charges of theft have been preferred.

The articles in Skeffington's possession consist of a gold locket, heart shaped, chain attached and gold brooch with pearl setting. The initials K. E. L. are on the locket and leads the officer to believe that the jewelry belongs to Mrs. J. B. Lamkin, of Halifax, who was among those who lost jewelry at the time of the King Edward Hotel robbery. The Halifax authorities have been communicated with and doubtless the matter will be cleared up.

Provincial President Miss W. Carter, of Woodstock, and Provincial Secretary Miss Curran, Chatham, organized a ladies' auxiliary in connection with the A. O. H. here last evening. The new auxiliary starts with a charter membership of fifty. The officers elected were: Mrs. W. B. Chandler, county president; Mrs. Jas. Hannigan, president; Mrs. Andrew McCurdy, vice-president; Miss McCurdy, recording secretary; Miss Hamilton, financial secretary; Miss K. Fitzpatrick, treasurer.

Truro Back to Clerk Dead.

Truro, N. S., Feb. 15.—(Special)—William K. Archibald, son of the late George M. Archibald, a well known commercial traveller, died of lung trouble today. He was a clerk in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

CHINESE NEUTRALITY DECREE

Washington, Feb. 15.—Under date of Feb. 13, Sir Chen Tung Liang Chen, the Chinese minister, has transmitted to the state department a translation of the imperial decree proclaiming the neutrality of China in the Russo-Japanese war. The decree commands the Manchou government and the governors of all provinces that they issue orders to all civil and military officers to observe a strict neutrality between the contending powers with a view to the preservation of good feeling and general quiet.

THREE RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOATS SUNK.

Utsunomiya, Feb. 15.—A reliable report says that three Russian torpedo boats have been sunk by guns from the forts. They were mistaken for Japanese vessels.

AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICERS ON JAPANESE WARSHIPS.

New York, Feb. 15.—One of the most serious bits of news at this moment, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Herald, is the confirmation of the statement that aboard the Japanese vessels of war attacking Port Arthur was a number of American naval officers. This caused something akin to a feeling of consternation among the Russian officers.