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REV. F. S. TODD IN TROUBLE.

BOSTON, Oct. 12.—A Herald special from Brunswick, Me., says:—As a result of rumors concerning Rev. F. S. Todd of the Berean Baptist church, a wide breach has sprung up between the members of the church and parish, and Mr. Todd's flock which has divided to a mere handful, finds itself confronted with a serious church war. Several of the most active workers have withdrawn their membership, while others have temporarily absented themselves. Mr. Todd has handed in his resignation which was to have taken effect Nov. 27, but he has changed the date to Oct. 20.

None of the church members have seen fit to make any public charges against their pastor, for they "claim that all the stories date back to his career in Calais. His father, Rev. Thomas Todd, of

Woodstock, N. B., died recently leaving a large estate for him to settle up and this is the reason he shortened the time for his resignation to take effect.

THE OLD LYRE.

(Yonkers Statesman.) They were good friends, but they are no longer. It all came about through a mistake. One of the women had an old fashioned harp which had been handed down from her ancestors, and, meeting a friend one day, the latter asked: "Have you got that old lyre in the house yet?" "I'll have you know that I do not consider that a respectful way to speak of my husband." Explanations have never been sufficient to heal the breach.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

London Times Sympathizes With Bishops—Seems a Hopeless Question.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—A London despatch to the New York Times quotes the London Times as commenting editorially on the discussion regarding the marriage and divorce question by the convention of Protestant Bishops at San Francisco. The London Times says it sympathizes with the bishops in the difficulties which they and the clergy throughout America have to encounter. The most obvious reform in America, says the London Times, would be to pass a national law on the subject; but, apart from the constitutional impediments in the way of such a step, the condition of public opinion does not encourage such legislation. Twenty-five years hence another Protestant Episcopal convention may be debating the same problem, with no clearer prospect of its solution than exists at present.

DIED OF THIRST.

Probable Wreck of Steamship Manchester—The Captain, His Wife, Two Children and Crew of Twenty-Five Lost.

TACOMA, Wn., Oct. 14.—The steamship Glenroy brings news from Hong Kong that wreckage has been found off Bikar Island, the small uninhabited island of the Marshall group, which proves that the British ship Manchester came to grief there. The Manchester, Captain Clemens, left New York loaded with kerosene, shipped by the Standard Oil company, just one year ago. Her destination was Yokohama, and shipping men have agreed long since that she must have been lost in a typhoon. Footprints and marks of two boats' keels on the sand, together with other signs, make it certain that Captain Clemens, his wife, two children and crew, have been lost in a typhoon. Plainly marked in the sand were footprints of a woman and children. The body of one sailor was found in a scrubby growth of trees near shore. There were also found bodies of birds which had been sucked into the ship. As no sign has since been found of Captain Clemens, his family and crew, it is supposed that they died of thirst before they reached inhabited islands. The Manchester carried a crew of twenty-five men, most of them British sailors. The value of ship and cargo was nearly \$200,000.

A KING COMING.

ANTWERP, Oct. 14.—King Leopold has decided to visit New York. He announced this at an interview granted to the Burgomaster Saturday. His majesty expects, among other advantages to get in the United States many suggestions from the shipping arrangements which will prove beneficial to the ports of Belgium.

TWO WERE DROWNED.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Oct. 14.—Louis Dowd of Binghamton, a plumber, walked into Roundbush Creek yesterday and was drowned. A few hours later Thomas Cusavages rolled into the creek from the steamer Mary Powell while asleep and was drowned.

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—A special despatch from Cape Town says that owing to the restrictions on the export of the pro-Boer South African News has been obliged to suspend publication.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Forecast—Eastern and northern New York, tonight rain; Tuesday, fair, fresh northwest winds.

HIGHLAND VISITORS.

There will not be the usual monthly Clan Mackenzie open night Tuesday evening in consequence of the reception to Grand Chief Halliday on Wednesday evening. The visiting clansmen will arrive on the steamer Prince Rupert, with the Navy and Army Veterans' excursion on Wednesday afternoon. They will be accorded a Highland welcome by a committee of Clan Mackenzie in full uniform, plaid bonnet and feathers, with the clan pipes.

In the evening the veterans will be entertained in the moot room, L. Q. O. hall, admission to which will be by ticket. Further entertainment of the visitors will be decided on later.

FUNERAL OF REV. J. W. CLARKE.

A memorial service for the late Rev. J. W. Clarke was held yesterday afternoon in the Woodstock Free Baptist church. The body was brought to the city today on the Atlantic express and was met at the depot by Revs. Dr. Hartley, C. T. Phillips, D. Long, H. H. Nobles of Sussex, F. T. Francis of Norton and a large number of members of the Free Baptist conference and more especially of the Waterloo street church, of which the deceased clergyman was for about eight years pastor. Among the other floral tributes was a handsome anchor sent by the church. The pallbearers were members of the conference executive, and interment was made at Fernhill. A large number of people followed the remains to the grave, and the services were conducted by the different clergymen present.

MONCTON.

Desertive Ring Appointed an I. C. R. Chief of Police.

Mrs. Pick's Beautiful Gift for the Duchess.

MONCTON, N. B., Oct. 14.—John Ring, of St. John, has been appointed second chief of police for the Intercolonial. Ring's duties will in future be confined to the section of the town between Moncton and Montreal. Ring will have control of all the rest of the line.

Geo. H. Pick goes to St. John tomorrow to present to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York a beautiful point lace handkerchief made by herself. The design and work of the handkerchief are all Mrs. Pick's. It contains four thousand yards of thread and ladies will understand something of the nature of the work when they are told that the thread was of a fineness of 1500 and 1,000. The handkerchief occupied 150 days of ten hours each in making. In the four corners are crown, leaf, Union Jack and beaver, representing royalty, imperialism, loyalty and Canadian industry, with a wreath of maple leaves, the emblems of our country. All these figures are of raised work and so plain as to be distinguishable at a glance. The pocket which accompanies the handkerchief is made of solid silver, over a pound of which was used, and is the work of W. S. Bowness. It was designed as a memorial of four New Brunswick men of G Company of the Royal Canadian regiment who fell at Paardeburg, and their names are inscribed upon silver seed pods of maple leaf on the case. The inscription of the presentation is on the inside of the pocket cover and is very neatly done.

MINISTERS' MEETING.

The Methodist Ministers Express Their Disapproval of the Sabbath Desecration Yesterday.

At the meeting of the Baptist ministers this morning there were present Revs. Messrs. Waring, Dykeman, Adams, Nobles, Appel and Manning. Rev. A. T. Dykeman was elected chairman for the year, and Rev. J. Charles B. Appel, secretary. Reports were received from the churches and a committee to prepare a programme for the year was appointed, consisting of Revs. B. H. Nobles, Waring and J. D. Freeman. Rev. Mr. Adams will read a paper at the next meeting. At the meeting of the Methodist ministers there were present Revs. R. W. Weddall, (chairman), Geo. Steel, G. E. G. Campbell, Dr. Wilson, Henry Penna, H. D. Marr, G. A. Selar. Reports from the churches for the last two Sabbaths were received. Rev. Mr. Weddall conveyed to the meeting greetings from Rev. R. Ople, chairman of the Charlottetown district.

The matter of the Sabbath desecration by the work on the arch, King street, yesterday, was freely discussed, and the meeting expressed its strong disapproval of such desecration.

DIED IN NEWARK.

William J. Lacey, of 311 Gerrain street, died after a very brief illness in St. Michael's Hospital, conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis, in Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Lacey was well known in this city, having called for quite a number of years as a mechanic on several of Thomson's vessels. He left home on Sept. 30 to proceed to Pensacola, Fla., where he intended joining the barque Honolulu. After leaving no further word was received concerning him until Friday night, when his wife got a despatch to the effect that he had died in the hospital that afternoon. No further particulars have as yet been received. Besides his widow, Mr. Lacey leaves a family of eight children, three boys and five girls, the youngest of whom is only seven months old. His body will not be brought home.

WHO SHOULD HAVE SEATS?

Give the Mothers or Sisters of the Soldiers a Chance. No doubt Mr. Robertson and his assistants have their hands full in allotting seats on the grand stand for Thursday afternoon. The stand will accommodate say 1,200 persons. It is said that some 300 ladies from the families of members of parliament, legislators, aldermen and officials of various kinds are to be provided for. Then some 200 visitors from Boston are to be accommodated. For the other 700 seats there are probably 3,000 or more applications. The Star does not propose to offer much advice as to the allotment, but it suggests that the first choice be given to the mother or one near relative of each soldier who is to receive a medal. The presentation of these medals is the thing that the people go to see, and it would be a pity if a mother who may have come many miles to see her son decorated by his future king should be crowded to make room for other ladies who have no interest, but curiosity, in the matter. At all times, and those who are usually accustomed to get what they want will be more than willing to give up a seat on the stand on this occasion that the mother who gave her son to the service of the empire may see him receive this recognition.

CULVERT BURNED.

The Boston and Montreal trains were delayed about two hours today by the burning of a small culvert near Magog, Quebec, this side of McAdam, which occurred shortly after the morning express for Boston had passed over it. Materials were at once sent to the place from McAdam, and in half an hour after their arrival the repairs on the culvert were completed.

A BALLOON VOYAGE.

Across the Mediterranean Sea From the Coast of France.

PARIS, Oct. 13.—Considerable interest is manifested in the attempt of the Comte De La Vaulx, the aeronaut, who left Les Sables, near Toulon, last night to voyage across the Mediterranean, with a view of testing the possibility of using balloons between France and Corsica and Algeria in time of war. The minister of marine and war, M. De Lanessan, ordered the French second-class-cruiser Du Chayla to convey the balloon, which is also conveyed by a private yacht.

The aeronaut is accompanied by two other aeronauts and a naval lieutenant. He expects to reach Algeria Wednesday night or Thursday morning. He took with him 75 carrier pigeons, to be released in three batches daily. The balloon, which is decorated with the tri-color, carries accumulators for electric signal lamps and an electric pump to draw up sea water for ballast whenever necessary, by tubes immersed in the sea. Comte De La Vaulx by a system of floats intends to keep about 40 feet above the water.

MARSEILLES, Oct. 14.—A steamer, which has arrived here, reports having sighted the balloon of Comte De La Vaulx yesterday (Sunday) about 12.30 p. m. The balloon was about 50 miles from Marseilles and shaping its course for Algeria. The car was about 60 feet above the sea. Comte De La Vaulx signalled all was well.

Toulon, Oct. 14.—A despatch from Toulon says a carrier pigeon arrived there at 6 o'clock last evening from the balloon of Comte De La Vaulx, bearing the report that the balloon was being driven by a north-northeast wind and going at a fair speed, the weather being very fine and all well.

DOWN IN MAINE.

A Death and a Shooting Affray Due to Liquor.

AUGUSTA, Me., Oct. 13.—A special to the Journal from South China says that Patrick McManus, of Biddeford, one of the workmen in the construction crew of the Waterville and Viscasset R. R., died in South China Friday night from excessive drinking of alcoholic liquor. Coroner Bean of Augusta, was summoned, but deemed an inquest unnecessary. McManus, 47, about 40 years of age and it is thought had a daughter living in Portland.

A special to the Journal from the National Soldiers' Home at Togus, tells of a shooting affray which occurred in the Company A tonight. It seems that John Jones of that company, while under the influence of liquor, quarrelled with John Green, Jones rushed at him and fired two shots with a revolver. Dr. Wilson, Dr. Buller entered the noisy part of the affray, the other the shoulder. Neither wound, it is thought, will prove fatal. No reason beyond intoxication can be given for the assault.

GAMBLER MURDERED.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 14.—Charles Crockett, 37 years old, died last night in Proctor's hospital under circumstances that lead the police to believe he was murdered. In company with others, it is said, he spent several hours gambling and left home with his winnings. He was found on the street, unconscious and died without being able to tell who were his assailants. When found his money was missing. Thirty suspects were arrested, and in the room of one was found a hatchet which the police believe was the weapon used in the murder.

A MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The coast and Geodetic survey has established a magnetic observatory at Sitka, Alaska, and is constructing another at Honolulu, Hawaii, to co-operate with the British and German governments in investigating problems of the magnetic forces and needle variations throughout the world. This is in connection with British and German expeditions for the South Pole on plans long ago formulated. It is expected to determine whether all magnetic disturbances and phenomena are subject to a common and world-wide cause or are of a local character.

MISS STONE'S MOTHER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Word comes from Boston in a special to the World that Mrs. Stone, mother of Miss Ellen M. Stone, is sinking under the strain of the anxiety concerning her daughter. Mrs. Stone is more than 80 years old and has been ailing for some years. Her condition now is such that her friends fear that she will die of the agonizing suspense.

FOOTBALL.

U. N. B. Will Play the Y. M. C. A. Team on Friday. Next Friday afternoon the U. N. B. football team will play the Y. M. C. A. fifteen on the Shamrock grounds. This will be the first game to be played in St. John with an outside team for two years, as well as the first this season. The university team will be strengthened in the back line by the presence of Jack Fullreacher, probably the best half back in the province. On Saturday the college men played a fast game with Fredericton city and are reported to be a strong organization. The Y. M. C. A.'s have been showing considerable strength in the last couple of games, and a hard contest is expected. There will be a large number of friends of the U. N. B. men in town at the time of the match and the game will be made more exciting by their presence.

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METHODISTS ADVANCING.

The Star learns from a member of the Courtenay Bay circuit, that they have rented a house at Crookville, to be used as a parsonage, and intend next year to build one of their own. At present they have not any furniture, but each of the five appointments have agreed to do their part in raising funds to furnish it. Silver Falls has decided to hold in aid of the fund a pie social and concert in the Silver Falls school house on Friday, Oct. 25th. It is to be hoped that many St. John friends will attend and aid this worthy cause.