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ST. JOHN AS WINTER PORT.

LIKELY TO BE FAST ATLANTIC TERMINUS.

Ottawa Inquiries Tend to Confirm Statement that Tenders Are Called For—Appointment of J. D. Bonness—Bellisle Cable Repaired—Military Matters.

Ottawa, July 21.—(Special)—Inquiries here tend to confirm the statement that tenders are being called for a fast Atlantic service between Canada and Liverpool.

It is understood that on the return of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the other ministers from England there will be a commercial agent appointed in London.

The break in the cable between Bell and Victoria some time ago, has been repaired and is now in working condition.

The formation of a cadet company from the St. Paul's church cadets, St. John (N. B.) to be attached to the 3rd regiment Canadian Cavalry, is authorized.

The York regiment—To be captain, Lieutenant W. H. Laughlin, to complete establishment.

Lieut. Colonel Sam Hughes, M. P., has retired from the command of the 43rd Victoria Rifles and is now on the reserve of officers.

J. D. Bonness, of St. Stephen (N. B.) has been permanently appointed preventive officer at that port.

Snake's Bite Proved Fatal.

Tamer Had Fangs Fastened in His Hand in Boston Museum.

Boston, July 21.—John Sewell, of Medford, died yesterday morning at the Massachusetts General Hospital as the result of a snake bite received at the Bowdoin Square Museum, Saturday morning.

Mr. Sewell, whose professional name was "Rattlesnake Jack," was exhibiting a collection of rattlesnakes, which were confined in a wire cage.

During his lecture one of the reptiles became entangled in the meshes of the cage. In endeavoring to release the reptile it became necessary for Mr. Sewell to insert his right hand into the cage.

One of the other snakes evidently enraged by the excitement, struck at his hand and fastened its fangs in between the thumb and forefinger.

The hand immediately began to swell, and after applying local remedies, the victim went immediately to the hospital, where the wound was treated and the affected part cut out.

A tourniquet was also applied to the arm above the wound. It is stated, however, Mr. Sewell became worse as the day progressed, and in the evening was placed on the dangerous list. He died at 2 a. m. yesterday.

Mr. Sewell was a native of Cleveland (O.), and had followed the show business nearly all his life. He was quite proficient as a tamer of snakes. He is survived by a widow—who is known in the profession as Miss Blanche Morris—and one daughter.

Philadelphia Ledger Changes Hands.

Philadelphia, July 21.—The Philadelphia Public Ledger was today purchased by Adolph S. Ochs from George W. Childs Drexel and the Drexel estate, and possession was made at once certain letters to General Ochs, who is the sole owner.

General Ochs is the sole owner. The new owner says there will be no radical changes in the appearance or policy of the Public Ledger.

The Revolution on the Isthmus.

Panama, Colombia, July 21.—The government fleet sailed last night with reinforcements and ammunition and provisions for General Berti's army at Agua Dulce.

General Salazar, governor of Panama, instructed the commander of the fleet to deliver certain letters to General Berti, and by all means, should the revolutionary govt. Padilla be met, to engage her in a decisive battle.

BRITISH CABLE.

ANOTHER EXAGGERATED STORY ABOUT THE CANADIANS.

Allans and Elder-Dempsters Invited to Tender for New Steamer Services—Speech by Balfour Taken to Indicate Little Result from Premier's Conferences.

Toronto, July 21.—(Special)—The Telegram's special cable from London says: "The Morning Chronicle has an article concerning the status of Canadian provincial agents-general. They are dissatisfied, the article states, because they are not getting proper official recognition, and have formulated their dissatisfaction in a petition to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, so that the official status may be obtained.

As the article may be called to the Canadian press, it is necessary to state the story is a gross exaggeration. Provincial premises made no such presentation. It looks as if the article was inspired by Australian interests, as the states of the commonwealth when the Australian high commissioner is appointed, manage the office admirably.

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BRINGING BODY HOME.

All That is Mortal of W. A. Alward Being Brought to Fredericton for Burial.

Portsmouth, N. H., July 21.—The bodies of all who met their death in the drowning accident off the Isle of Shoals last Thursday afternoon have now been removed from this city in response to requests from relatives. At 9:30 o'clock to-night the casket containing all that is mortal of W. A. Alward was placed upon the case bound express for shipment to his former home in Fredericton (N. B.).

Earlier in the day, the bodies of Bessie Chase and Isabelle Zlotkowska were sent to their homes in Malden and Cambridge, respectively. In each instance a beautiful floral offering accompanied the body as a token of the love and esteem in which the unfortunate young people were held by the proprietors of the Oceanic hotel, where they were employed.

ARBITRATORS CHOSEN.

United States and Mexico Have Named Representatives.

Washington, July 21.—Announcement was made this afternoon of the arbitrators chosen respectively by the United States and by Mexico to try at The Hague what is known as the Pius Fund Claims case, being a claim by the Catholic archbishop of California to recover a large amount of money due from the United States church by Mexico. The United States selected Sir Edward Fry, of England, formerly chief justice of the court of appeals at London, and now retired from the bench, and P. De Martene, of Russia, the international law expert. Mexico named Fagnano Guzman, of Chile, and Savornin Lohman, a judge of the highest court in Holland. These four men will name a fifth member of the arbitration tribunal, which will assemble at The Hague on the first of September. Jackson H. Ralston, of this city, has been named as agent to represent the United States before the arbitrators. Mexico's agent probably will be Senor Amelio Pardo, new Mexican minister to Belgium and Holland.

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After committing the fiendish crime he calmly walked down stairs and informed his wife of the deed. She was told that he had done it. He then returned to the room where the body of his dead wife lay, and with his clothing saturated with the victim's blood, went to bed and remained there until the police arrived and placed him under arrest.

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Cook had been drinking during the day and he returned to his home shortly before 6 o'clock and demanded money from his wife for liquor. She refused to give it to him. He knew that she had money and he tried every means of persuasion to induce her to accede to his request; but she refused him and he, failing by this means to secure money, he resorted to force.

He caught her woman in his arms and he held her by the neck of her blouse, which he thrust into a trunk which was in the room, and failed in this attempt. Cook was by the door, and he rushed into the room, grabbed a razor, seized the woman by the hair and dragged her toward the bed. Then he placed the blade across the woman's throat.

He used the weapon with great force, and her head was almost severed from her body. He then threw the body of the woman on the floor, and with his hands and clothes covered with blood, proceeded to make known of his crime. He hid in the most deliberate manner.

The prisoner is 47 years of age, and his wife 42. He worked in Sydney for several months, and then went to Cape Tormentine, N. B., where he also claims to have been. He said he loved the woman he murdered, and for that reason killed her. He is now prepared to pay the penalty for his crime.

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BRUTAL MURDER COMMITTED BY HALIFAX MAN.

Cut His Wife's Throat in Their Home on Albermarle Street.

HEAD ALMOST CUT OFF.

She Refused to Give Him Money for Liquor—He Dragged Her by Her Hair to Bed, Then With Razor Killed Her—Went to Sleep by Corpse on Blood-stained Clothes.

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LOSS ABOUT \$6,000,000.

More Damage Done by Floods in Iowa—The River at Keokuk Falling.

Keokuk, Iowa, July 21.—The height of the flood in the Mississippi river was reached today south of here. The river fell an inch and a half at Keokuk and the fall will reach southern points by tomorrow. But the rise of a foot more in the vicinity of Canton, Quincy, La Grange and Hannibal carried the water over thousands of acres previously uninjured.

The highest water is between La Grange and Gregory, where the water on Sunday will be below the ruins of the St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern railway on the bank of the river. A flood is pouring over the tracks today and reaching to the steps of the coaches. The roadbed is good and trains are delayed only by slow running through water.

The rise today covered more wheat in the shock which previously stood with its butts in water. Extension of the flooded district increased the total damage, though not very great percentage on the enormous total of millions hiderto accomplished by the flood.

The greatest part of the flood tonight is between Gregory, 10 miles below here, and Hannibal, 65 miles below. Farmers report a much greater loss than before, but estimates of loss on each connection will not be 75 miles of river frontage, will not be changed greatly.

The river here is full of debris. South of here the boatsman includes thousands of rabbits as passengers on logs, pieces of houses and other wreckage.

AFTER BURNING A WEEK.

Fire in Oil Wells Extinguished—Steam Did the Work.

Jennings, La., July 21.—The fire in the Heywood oil wells was extinguished this afternoon. Nine boilers of large capacity were set in the field to the northeast of the burning well. They were connected with two lines of four-inch pipe. One of the lines was stationary and the other movable, so as to follow the flames, and a man was stationed at each boiler to watch the steam pressure up to 125 pounds. The four-inch water pipes were laid from the north, with four two-inch connections and 50 feet of each connection.

The steam was arranged that the flames could be covered from the east, north and northwest. One of the pumps on the Jennings-Heywood line was used to force the water, and the other to force chemicals. The steam did the work, extinguishing the flames, which have been burning for a week. The chemicals did not have to be used.

TO PUNISH NATIVES.

Zambesi Governor Gives Notice of Punitive Expedition—Europeans Maltreated.

Liebon, July 21.—The governor of Zambesi has notified the authorities of the dispatch of a punitive expedition of 500 Europeans and 700 natives from Chindi for Barua to suppress a native insurrection in Angoli. The natives there have committed many barbarous acts against resident Europeans, having destroyed their property and compelled an exodus of the white population to the coast. Seventy white persons have been reported as having been taken in a sad plight. They had traveled 200 miles on foot. Much anxiety is felt for the fate of the natives.

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A Queen's Complaint.

Brussels, July 21.—La Reforme publishes an extraordinary article in reference with the Queen of the Belgians (Marie Henriette), in which her majesty is quoted as saying that the papers have made her out to be dying too quickly, and then bitterly lamented her inter-lopiness. According to La Reforme, Queen Marie Henriette said: "I am thoroughly soiled. I who in times past was so gay, an ill from London. I have only my dogs to amuse me and am already forgotten."

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TERRIBLE DISASTERS.

FIFTY-EIGHT DROWNED WHEN FERRY BOAT SANK.

Harvesters Were Crossing the Volga—Fifty to Sixty Thought to Be Lost by Sinking of Steamer—Men Fought for Their Own Safety.

St. Petersburg, July 21.—A ferryboat with fifty-eight passengers and 58 harvesters was crossing the river Volga today at Beresniki sank and 58 harvesters were drowned.

Hamburg, July 21.—The steamship Primus was on an excursion steamer from the sinking steamer, while other boats assisted in the work of rescue.

Some of the survivors furnish graphic descriptions of the awful suddenness of the disaster. According to their story, the band was playing and many couples were dancing when the crash of the collision came. The vessel gave a lurch and her deck taking such an angle that it was impossible for the passengers to keep their feet. Those below scrambled up the companionway, but most of the persons in the saloon were drowned. Men fought for their own safety regardless of others. In the midst of the confusion, the boilers exploded, and many persons are said to have been injured by flying splinters of metal. More of the passengers on the Primus would have been saved by ropes thrown from the Hansa had it not been for the fact that the ropes had not been made to haul on board they were pulled off from the lines they had grabbed by other persons struggling in the water, and other persons struggling in the water, and other persons struggling in the water.

This morning enormous crowds poured out from Hamburg to the scene of the collision, and the shores were thronged with thousands of friends and relatives of those aboard the sunken steamer, who had come in heartrending anxiety to learn the fate of their friends who were among the extinguished.

Many sad scenes were witnessed as the bodies of those lost were washed up on the beach or brought ashore by divers.

It is asserted that divers have already recovered 45 bodies, but it is impossible to verify the death list. A large number will be found. Estimates of the number of dead vary from 20 to 60. A large number of the survivors were injured, though not seriously.

Pacific Cable by Next June.

London, July 21.—The Commercial Cable Company has signed a contract with the Telegraph Construction Company in London for the manufacture and laying of its cable from Honolulu to Manila, touching midway at Guam.

The construction company guaranteed to complete the cable by June, 1903, if furnished with the necessary soundings. In the event that these cannot be furnished, the company agrees to finish the cable laying within such time thereafter as is necessary to take the soundings.

Having two steamers capable of carrying 6,000 miles of cable, the company is able to complete within a year work which would take other contractors two years to do. The steamer Silverton, at San Francisco, is now laying the San Francisco-Honolulu cable—2,400 miles—and is expected to sail for San Francisco in August. Eighteen hundred miles of the cable have already been manufactured and are being taken on board the Silverton.

Accident at St. Stephen.

St. Stephen, N. B., July 21.—(Special)—This afternoon, on King street, a young lady was quite seriously injured and a valuable horse probably ruined. A Miss Baldwin, who is visiting at the home of William Gillaspie, Union street, was driving with a son of her host. The young man went into a store and the electric car frightened the horse, causing him to run into an express wagon. Miss Baldwin was thrown out, striking heavily on the ground. After being carried to the home of Mr. Gillaspie it was ascertained that she was injured on the hip and one arm, and cuts on the face, but nothing serious is anticipated. The horse had the back cord of two legs cut.

Drawing Near Sackville.

Sackville, N. B., July 21.—The body of Milton Read, son of Joseph Read, of Beach Hill, was found yesterday morning in the reservoir of the water company at Beach Hill. He had left his father's house Saturday morning and was not afterwards seen alive. He was about 18 years old.

Prospect of a Battle Over the Presidency.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, July 21.—The department of Artibonite has proclaimed M. Firmin, the former minister of Hayti at Paris, president, and the inhabitants of the arrondissement of St. Michael and the commune of Marmelade have joined with those of Artibonite, with the view of marching on Cape Haytien.

General Jean Jumeau, who is supporting M. Firmin, has received at Gonaves, by the steamer Valencia, from New York, 200 tons of coal and war munitions for the cruiser Crete A. Perrot.

General Jumeau, who supports the candidacy of M. Firmin, is on his way to the capital, and General Salnave, with a considerable force, has started for Cape Haytien in order to attack General Nord, the war minister.

The provisional government here is divided into four parts—one Firmist and three anti-Firmist groups—and is without any authority. The population is also divided and it is generally believed that M. Firmin will not meet with any serious resistance in his advance on the capital.

JEWELS WORTH \$250,000.

FORMER WIFE OF LORD FRANCIS HOPE CHARGES THEFT.

Deposit Company's Safe Opened and Found That Jewels Are Gone—General Police Alarm Out for Former Captain Strong, Who is Accused.

New York, July 21.—A formal complaint of grand larceny was made against former Captain Putnam Bradley Strong by Lord Francis Hope, former wife of Lord Francis Hope, who visited police headquarters accompanied by her mother and her lawyer, and there charged Strong, who recently disappeared from his home at Hastings, with the theft of jewels which are valued at \$250,000. Her complaint was entertained and a general alarm was sent out for the arrest of Strong.

Miss Yoh's counsel said that the safe in the Knickerbocker Safe Deposit Company, where Miss Yoh had kept her jewels, were opened today and it was found that her jewels, valued at \$250,000, had been removed, nothing of value being left in the safe except a few trifling trinkets. He also explained that pawn tickets calling for \$100,000 worth of the missing gems, had been recovered.

Strong is a son of ex-Mayor Strong, of New York.

"I gave up all for him when his father went bankrupt," said Miss Yoh, with just the suspicion of moisture in her eyes. "I loved him dearly, and I thought he loved me. For two years he had supported him. Not a penny has he paid to maintain his establishment and the retinue of servants that he keeps."

There were reports that Strong and his mother had made good his threat to take his own life. The police heard a rumor that a body had been found hanging in the woods near the Yohs' house, and there was a quick scramble to locate it. But there was no body.

There are those who declare that young Strong is at Lenox. He has his mother, reconciled after nearly two years of separation from his family.

It was denied that there was any signed contract to marry between Strong and Miss Yoh. Under the English law Miss Yoh is still the wife of Lord Francis Hope, and any contract of marriage to wed on September 25, the day the English decree will become operative, and then sail on the Nippon Maru for another romantic trip to Japan like the first one, which cost the young gallant a commission in the United States army.

KAISER TO VISIT KING EDWARD AT COWES.

Government Asks £25,000 Additional for Coronation Because of Postponement—King's Health Good.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, July 21.—A bulletin issued today on the condition of King Edward, says: "The king is in excellent health. He is gaining strength and the wound continues to heal satisfactorily."

The next bulletin will be issued July 24. The cold wind continues and the decks of the royal yacht are enclosed by canvas screens as a protection against the inclement weather.

London, July 21.—The government, in the supplementary estimate, asks for £25,000 additional for the expenses of coronation caused by the postponement. This brings the total to £125,000 (\$625,000).

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