

HOT SHOT FOR R. W. McLELLAN

Adjournment of Crocket Libel Suit at Request of Prosecution Recalls Similar Suit.

Plea Made That Material Witnesses are Absent—Counsel Charges Complainant With Falsehood

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., December 8.—The preliminary examination of the libel action brought by R. W. McLellan against James H. Crocket, managing director of the Gleaner, was unexpectedly adjourned this afternoon until next Wednesday as the prosecution did not have their witnesses on hand and were not prepared to proceed with the case.

The motion for adjournment was strongly opposed by Col. Baxter, K. C., for the defence, and the argument which ensued was productive of some of the strongest statements that have been heard across the floors of the council chambers in City Hall, where the preliminary examination has been going on. The grilling which McLellan received at Col. Baxter's hands interested the spectators, and McLellan showed that he was smarting under the castigation.

The adjournment was asked for by Mr. Gregory on behalf of the complainant on the grounds of the absence of Hon. H. F. McLeod, and Miss Lawson, subscription clerk and stenographer in the business office of the Gleaner, neither of whom had been counted upon as sufficiently important witnesses to be served with subpoenas.

Mr. Gregory, in his application for the adjournment, admitted that he was largely on a fishing expedition for evidence.

Col. Baxter, in opposing the application, said that thirteen days had elapsed since the alleged libellous article was published, information laid, and Mr. Crocket brought to court, and the prosecution were still unable to prove their case.



JACK ABERNATHY

Appointed by Roosevelt Has Resigned.

T. R.'S FRIEND HAS RESIGNED

Father Of Abernathy Boys And U. S. Marshal For Oklahoma Decides Not To Wait For A Hearing.

Washington, December 8.—Jack Abernathy, U. S. marshal for Oklahoma, and friend of ex-President Roosevelt, came to Washington yesterday and handed his resignation to Atty. Gen. Wickersham. Charges had been preferred against the marshal, but he did not want to hear what they were.

CHILD KILLED IN GAS EXPLOSION

Building Wrecked And Five Other Members Of Family Injured When Natural Gas Blows Up.

Templeton, Pa., Dec. 8.—The infant child of Alexander French was killed and five other members of his family were injured when his house was blown to pieces by a natural gas explosion early today.

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St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—Life imprisonment was the verdict in the case of Austin Greaves, a carpenter, who conducted his own defence against the charge of first degree murder in killing his neighbor Alfred Hunter about four months ago.

POLITICAL PARTIES IN BRITAIN RUNNING NECK AND NECK FOR HONORS

Unionists Cut Down Majorities, but Insufficient to Capture Seats—Liberals Make Net Gain of One Yesterday and Bring Majority Up to Date to 32—Winston Churchill In.

Table showing election results: Liberals 147, Laborites 28, Nationalists 45, Independent do. 6, Total 226.

London, December 8.—At the close tonight of the polling in the general elections the standing of the parties is as follows:— Liberals 147, Laborites 28, Nationalists 45, Independent do. 6, Total 226. Opposition, Unionists 193, Total 419.

J. J. HILL SAYS RECIPROCITY SHOULD COME

Great Northern President Writes to Canadian Society that Thousand Interests are Calling for Closer Trade.

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THREATENED TO KILL HUSBAND

Defence in LeBlanc Trial Introduces Evidence Damaging to Mrs. Glover.



LORD CHARLES BERESFORD Who Retained Portsmouth for the Unionists.

PEPPARD IS HEARD FROM

Clever Confidence Man Who Operated At Moncton Supposed To Be Caught At New Haven, Conn.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Dec. 8.—It is believed that L. S. Peppard, the commission agent who cut a wide swath in Moncton last year and suddenly disappeared last April, has been located and captured at New Haven, Conn.

REPRESENTATIVES OF PROVINCES AT OTTAWA

Inter-Provincial Conference Opens Today At Dominion Capital—No Delegate From British Columbia.

EMPRESS MAILED LANDED IN HOUR

3,500 Packages Put Ashore At Halifax With Great Despatch—707 Passengers For St. John.

ARMY PLOT IN TURKEY

London, Dec. 9.—According to special dispatches rumors have reached Berlin and Vienna of a projected coup at Constantinople to establish a military dictatorship.

PORCH CLIMBERS GET \$8,000.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8.—Porch climbers last night entered the residence of Mrs. J. Elizabeth Bull, widow of the late Theodore D. Bull, 1610 Jefferson avenue, while the family were at dinner and escaped with \$8,000 worth of jewelry and diamonds.

FIVE MASTER GOES ASHORE ON SHOALS

The Henry O. Barrett Sailing From Bath, Me., Grounds On Virginia Coast—Wrecking Tugs To Assistance.

ILLNESS OF DUCHESSE.

Lucca, Italy, Dec. 8.—The Dowager Grand Duchess Alice, of Tuscany, is seriously ill at her estate near Via Reggia.

BITAROD PRICES MOUNTING HIGHER

Sugar Sells At Twenty Cents a Pound While Horse Hire Costs \$5 An Hour—Stage Dogs At \$100.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Rome, Dec. 8.—Five new cases of cholera and three deaths were reported during the past 24 hours. Four cases and two deaths occurred in Palermo.

ARREST AT LISBON.

Lisbon, Dec. 8.—The treasurer of the ministry of finance has been arrested charged with paying the debts of Queen Maria Pia, grandmother of King Manuel.