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BIG McMILLAN FIRE STARTED "BUG" TO WORK

Prince William Street Firm's Premises Again Guttled Monday Night

Blaze Allowed to Get Too Good a Start—One Fireman Sent Off Duty Because of Drink—Loss to Firm Roughly Placed at \$30,000—Two Other Fires, in Which There Are Evidences of Incendiarism.

Fire last Monday night wrecked the printing and stationery establishment of J. & A. McMillan, No. 68 Prince William street...

Was In Building Just Before. At 6:00 o'clock Alexander McMillan left the offices in the first floor and locked up...

Half and hour later smoke and steam largely supplanted the flames and by 8 o'clock one of the city's pioneer business houses was once more a dreary ruin.

John N. Golding, Sr., was utterly unable to account for the cause of the fire. Mr. Golding has been connected with the firm for many years and says when he left the store at 6:15 o'clock everything was in the usual order.

Fireman in Trouble. One of the firemen from the North End, it is believed, was detected during the fire to be under the influence of liquor...

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HALIFAX COUNCIL FEELS SLIGHTED

Won't Take Any Part in Reception to New Governor-General

BIG TIME PLANNED

Six Cabinet Ministers and Supreme Court Judges on Special Train Will Meet Earl Grey on His Arrival in Canada; Ottawa Will Be En Fete.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 5.—(Special)—At an informal meeting of the city council held this afternoon a reception to Earl Grey, the new governor-general, it was decided that the mayor and city council would take no part in the reception...

Six Cabinet Ministers Going to Halifax. Ottawa, Dec. 5.—(Special)—A special train will leave here on Wednesday morning for Halifax with the ministers of the crown, judges of the supreme court and others who will attend the welcome to and swearing in of Earl Grey, Canada's new governor-general.

Among the ministers who go to Halifax will be Hon. W. S. Peckling, Sir F. W. Borden, Hon. H. R. Edmundson, Hon. Wm. Paterson, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, and at all possible, Hon. R. W. Scott.

CANADIAN BANKER'S SLANDEROUS TALK CAUSES HIM TROUBLE

His Remarks About Abbey Salt Co. Leads Directors of Company in London to Sue Him for \$5,000 Damages.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—(Special)—The Montreal Gazette tomorrow will say: With reference to the statement made recently as to the Abbey Salt Company, which was made by a certain gentleman stated today that a well known official of a Canadian bank was visiting London a few months ago, made a statement in a London office that which was posted temporarily on account of the banker's health, which was not very robust.

NEW ALLAN LINER IS A DISAPPOINTMENT

Trial Trips of Victorian Show That She is Not Nearly Up to Contract Speed—Other Turbulence May Not Be Built.

(Associated Press.) Glasgow, Dec. 5.—The trials of the Allan Line steamer Victorian, the largest turbine vessel yet built, which was launched at Belfast August 25, have been so disappointing as to raise serious doubts among the Clyde shipbuilders as to the value of turbines in the case of large ships.

JAPAN WILL RETALIATE

Will Break Neutrality Laws if Russia Is Allowed to Do It

SORE OVER COALING

The Way Other Countries Are Assisting Baltic Fleet to Get to Far East is Particularly Annoying

Tokyo, Dec. 5.—(Special)—Popular sentiment regarding the question of assistance which neutral powers are giving to the vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron, which heretofore has been repressed, is now growing more acute and prominent newspapers are voicing the demand for determined action by the Japanese government.

Heavy Jap Repulse Say Russians. Montreal, Dec. 6.—The night of December 2 the Japanese began a heavy artillery fire on Pointe (Long Tree) Hill, near the Russian army cantonment.

Double Tracking Siberian Road. St. Petersburg, Dec. 4.—It is announced that the work of double-tracking the Siberian railroad has begun. All the rails and other iron work have been ordered.

DESPERATE WORK OF EXPRESS ROBBER

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 6.—A Wells-Fargo express car on the Alchison, Topeka & Santa Fe overland passenger train, west bound, was entered early today somewhere between Needles and Daguer, and Evan O. Roberts, express messenger, was shot and probably fatally wounded.

A SUSPICIOUS FIRE

Penobscot, Dec. 5.—(Special)—A barn owned by George Uphan, near Springdale, was burned about seven o'clock last evening. The loss is about \$400.

RUSSIAN ARMY CORPS FOR AFGHAN FRONTIER

London, Dec. 6.—The Standard asserts that an entire Russian army division has been ordered to the Afghan frontier.

BORDEN TALKS OF LATE ELECTIONS

Says Conservatives Will Only Have One Seat Less Than Before

REASONS FOR DEFEAT

Over Confidence and Crooked Work of His Opponents He Thinks Were Responsible for the Poor Showing—His Future in Hands of Friends.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—(Special)—At the Jacques Cartier Club this afternoon, R. L. Borden, the defeated Conservative leader, made his first speech since the election. Referring to the result he said the Conservatives were not so badly off as at first supposed.

As regards Nova Scotia, Mr. Borden said a few words of explanation might be necessary. In 1903 they secured five seats in that province, one of which was lost by redistribution, so that at the opening of the contest they held one seat in Prince Edward Island, one in Halifax, and one in Lunenburg.

RUN ON BUFFALO BANK CAUSES ITS DOORS TO CLOSE

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 5.—The German Bank of Buffalo was closed today by State Superintendent of Banking Kilburn because of a run which began with the opening of the bank's doors and continued to grow in volume as the day advanced.

NEW CHIEF OF POLICE FOR MONTREAL

Ex-Chief Legault on Trial for Accepting Bribes from Disorderly Houses. Montreal, Dec. 5.—(Special)—At a meeting of the city council today, the aldermen appointed sub-Chief Camieu to be chief of police.

TWENTY JUMPED FOR THEIR LIVES IN BIG NEW YORK FIRE

Nine Were Injured and the Loss Will Be \$300,000. New York, Dec. 5.—Nine men were injured today in jumping from the roof of a burning two-story building occupied by the Standard Automobile Company, at West Fourth street. The building was used to store automobiles.

BLAIR BRANDS RECENT STORIES FALSE IN TOTO

Sweeping Denial Issued by Him in the Montreal Gazette

Declares Statement That He Received or Was Promised Any Sum of Money for Resigning a Fable—Challenges a Cabinet Minister to Make Good Recent Statements

Denies Knowledge of Any Scheme to Wreck Government.

Truth; such an intention on anyone's part, I hear for the first time from the World's publication. Fifth—What is alleged as to the intended withdrawal of the Quebec candidates, is so far as I am concerned an affair, an entire fable. The statement is the creation of a very disordered or a very malicious mind, and indeed the same may be said with regard to almost all of the whole publication.

World's Fair Attendance

St. Louis, Dec. 5.—The official figures for the attendance at the World's Fair today were 74,073, and that of the closing day, Dec. 1, 85,111.

Mayor Baxter Re-elected

Portland, Me., Dec. 6.—Hon. James P. Baxter, Republican, was elected mayor of that city tonight over Nathaniel Clifford, Democrat, by 4,027 majority, against 1,619 a year ago.