

GOVERNMENT HAS WORRIED DAY IN HOUSE

Laurier Expresses Doubt If Methodist Church Has Head—Admission That Commander Roper Overstepped Bounds in Criticism.

SPEAKER'S KNICK-KNACKS BOUGHT

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The official table of precedence ever full of pitfalls, today caused a small debate which revealed a great error. Speaking in his haste Sir Wilfrid Laurier committed himself to the astounding assertion that the Methodist Church may not have a head.

Dr. Sproule brought the subject up by moving for papers. This year the consuls general were not recognized at the drawing room and there was the usual trouble over the clergy. The Roman Catholic vicar general of Ottawa was invited to the state dinner while three acknowledged local leaders of their denominations, Rev. Dr. Herridge, Presbyterian; Rev. Dr. Henderson, Methodist, and Rev. Dr. Cameron, Baptist, stayed at home.

Dealing with the case of consuls general, Sir Wilfrid Laurier agreed that it called for a change. It was another example of the way in which the British Empire was outgrowing old established forms. In theory these gentlemen had no diplomatic functions. In practice they actually did discharge diplomatic duties and there seemed need for some recognition of the fact. It was a matter for the Imperial authorities.

With reference to the clerical matter Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained that the vicar general of Ottawa was at the time acting as bishop. As for the other clergymen, he was sure that the proper authorities of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches had been invited; they had been invited for some years.

"If It Has a Head." In this connection he remarked: "The head of the Methodist body, if the Methodist body has a head, is the head of the Methodist body. Later George Taylor asked for an explanation.

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MRS. EDDY'S MONEY NOT FOR FAMILY

Christian Science Leader Intimates That No Part of \$2,000,000 Estate Will Go To Relatives.

Boston, Dec. 7.—That Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy left none of her estate, estimated at nearly \$2,000,000 to relatives was gathered from a remark made tonight by Judge Clifford P. Smith first reader of the mother church, who said: "Mrs. Eddy's will will not be read tomorrow, as it contains absolutely nothing which would be of interest to any of the members of her family." He made no statement as to that portion of the estate which may go to the church.

HONDURAS FEARS INSURGENT ATTACK

Government Forces Strongly Entrenched At Puerto Cortez In Anticipation Of Hostilities—Rebel Leader Unknown.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras, Dec. 7.—(Via wireless to New Orleans.)—In anticipation of a revolutionary attack, this city is entrenched and heavily garrisoned with government troops. The authorities are momentarily expecting an attack and many of the residents of the republic have gone across the border to the United States of Mexico.

The country is in a state of unrest and there is a feeling in the American colony that President Davilla is facing the gravest crisis of his career. There is much speculation as to who will head the anticipated expedition against the present Honduras government, but that a serious clash is looked for within the next week or ten days, is evident by the activity of the government forces.

MANSLAUGHTER VERDICT

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 7.—Ulford Cunningham of Albion, P. E. Island, was convicted of manslaughter tonight in occasioning the death of W. J. Skerry. Attached to the jury's verdict was a recommendation for mercy.

DEFENCE TODAY IN LeBLANC TRIAL



HATTIE LEBLANC, CAPE BRETON GIRL, ON TRIAL FOR HER LIFE.

Statement Made by Prisoner to Police After Arrest Admitted in Evidence—Tells of Struggle in Laundry, but Denies Shooting.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 7.—Hattie LeBlanc, at today's session of her trial for the murder of Clarence F. Glover, was shown by her statement, given immediately after her arrest three days after the shooting, to have been in the laundry with Glover on the fatal night; to have seen the revolver in Glover's hand; to have struggled with him when he tried to take away the revolver; to have heard a noise in the laundry like the rustle of a woman's skirt, which also attracted Glover's attention; to have escaped from his clutches and to have heard a shot fired.

She declared in these statements which she gave to the police in French and which were interpreted to the police by Miss Gallant, that she never shot Glover, that she did not know how to use a revolver, that she was angry with him for his conduct toward her, and that she had heard other people say that some one would shoot him.

She did not know that he had been shot or that he was dead until after her arrest. She said that she ran back to the Glover house after escaping from the laundry and remained three days without food, hiding under the bed where she was finally found.

The government then rested having occupied eight days in submitting its case. The defence will open tomorrow morning.

VICTIM IN HOSPITAL; RELEASED ON BAIL

Italian At Glace Bay Held In Bonds To Amount Of \$1,500—Bullet Flattened Against Bone.

Halifax, N. S., December 7.—The Italian, Nicholas Pota, charged with attempting to kill James Garry, at Glace Bay on Monday last, has been released upon furnishing bail in the sum of \$1,500. Garry, who is still in the hospital, was operated upon today and the bullet removed from his head, and it is thought he will recover.

The ball, which is a 22-calibre shot, had entered the first bone plate and penetrated the second plate in the forehead, and when found, was flattened from contact with the bone.

RAVAGES OF CHOLERA GAIN

Rome, December 7.—Five cases of cholera and five deaths were officially reported today, all in Sicily. The rest of Italy it is announced, is free of the disease.

Funchal, Madeira, December 7.—Fifty additional cases of cholera have developed here in the past four days.

Farmer Fined \$435. Smith's Falls, Ont., Dec. 7.—A farmer near here caught by Inspector Phillips killing muskrats out of season was fined \$435 by police magistrate Sparham. He had 86 skins in his possession and the lowest fine that could be imposed on him was \$5 for each one.

No Dead Indians. Floe, Nev., Dec. 7.—Investigation here has developed no information tending to support the reported killing of Shoshone Indians in this county.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE IN ARSON TRIAL

Seymour Miner Swears That Ferguson Arranged Details Of Fire—Offered To Give Him \$200—Fire Set In Three Places.

STORE MANAGER ALSO TESTIFIES

Special to The Standard. Amherst, Dec. 7.—No preliminary trial in connection with criminal matters has aroused so much interest in Amherst for years as the case now before Stipendiary McKenzie, of the King vs. D. M. Ferguson.

Ferguson is probably the best known traveller in the eastern provinces and has always borne the highest reputation but the evidence against him today was most damaging in its character.

The case was called at 10 a. m. The Crown was represented by W. J. O'Hearn of Halifax and Messrs. Logan and Ralston, of Amherst, while Messrs. Rogers, Miner and Purdy looked after the interests of accused.

The first witness called were Chief Bell and his two assistants, officers of the fire department. They testified that the fire occurred in different parts of Ferguson's block with no connection between the different fires. Paraffine oil had been used and everything indicated incendiarism.

The second witness was the next witness and his evidence was of a most startling character. He swore that he arranged with Ferguson to set the block on fire. Ferguson said that the job would be worth two or three hundred dollars. They put paper and cotton batting between the walls of the attic. Ferguson then left for Halifax.

He left Miner key of the shop and later wrote and telephoned to Miner advising him to do the job on Saturday night when the blinds would be down.

Started Three Fires. Miner went to the building between 1 and 2 o'clock Saturday morning, started the fire in the attic, poured oil over waste material in the cellar and started the second fire then returned to his own office.

Miner explained that he and Ferguson had been working together for some time and that Ferguson had complained that he was in a bad way financially and wanted the store burned so that he could put up an opera house.

He wanted Schlesinger to tell the adjuster of the loss claims that the stock was worth \$15,000. Ferguson also asked Schlesinger to wet the goods that had not been damaged to make the loss appear greater.

Ferguson is in jail pending the conclusion of the trial. The crown has ten more witnesses to examine. Ferguson strongly affirms his innocence.

RISKED PRISON TO SEE BABY

Defaulting Bank Teller Fled From New York With \$44,600 And Wandered About Canada.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 7.—It was a long time to hold in his arms his baby which he had never seen that brought Walter A. Hall, a defaulting bank teller back from Canada to New York and prison. He surrendered himself today and confessed to the theft of \$44,600 from the Herald Square branch of the Greenwich bank.

Hall, who is only 24 years old, fled from New York last July and wandered about the Dominion, he said, betting on horse races. But he could not forget his young wife and baby.

Billiard Record Broken. New York, Dec. 7.—George Moore broke the world's record for a high run at three cushion billiards tonight by making fifteen consecutive points.

UNIONISTS HAVE BETTER OF YESTERDAY'S POLLING



JOHN BULL—"Will I finish it or order something different?"

AUSTRALIA LOOKING FOR RECIPROCITY

Deputation Waits On Premier To Ask That Vancouver Mail Service Come To Melbourne.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 7.—A deputation from the Chamber of Commerce waited on the Premier today to urge the establishment of a postal service to Melbourne from Vancouver. The Commonwealth ministry is heartily in favor of a reciprocal treaty with Canada, and it is believed that an understanding, on which legislation can be drafted, will be reached when the commission meets Premier Laurier in London soon.

PERU AND BOLIVIA ON VERGE OF WAR

Many Peruvians Killed In Surprise Attack On Frontier Fortress By Bolivian Force—Outcome Of Dispute.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 7.—According to dispatches received here, Bolivian forces surprised and attacked the Peruvian garrison at Guayabal on the Bolivian frontier. A sharp engagement ensued in which many of the Peruvians were killed or wounded.

There was a serious boundary dispute between Peru and Bolivia last year, but in October, 1909, a protocol signed by representatives of Peru and Bolivia was ratified by the congress of both countries.

IMPURE FOOD KILLS SEVEN

Berlin, December 7.—A family of seven persons have died at Graudenz, from eating impure food. Within the past week there have been several hundred cases of similar poisoning in this city. Dusseldorf and Hamburg, and in the latter city several of these sick have died.

Canadian Elected. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—Officers elected at the annual meeting here today of the American Association of Manufacturers of Sand-lime Products, included Vice-president W. C. Shultz, Bradford, Ont.; secretary, W. F. Plummer, Buffalo, N. Y.

Make Net Gain of Four Seats, While Victory of O'Brienites Will Still Further Weaken Government—Waldorf Astor Redeems Two Seats at Plymouth—Cardiff Captured.

London, Dec. 7.—The standing of the parties at the close of today's polling was as follows: Government Coalition. Liberals 123, Nationalists 38, Laborites 23. Total 184. Opposition. Unionists 170.

The Unionists secured six gains in today's pollings and suffered a loss of only two seats. They thus return to the position held previous to yesterday's voting. The Unionist total gains for the last four days are 13, the Liberals gain 11 and Laborites 4. The O'Brienites (Nationalists) hold 5 seats.

The most notable Unionist victory was in Cardiff, which has gone Unionist only once in a quarter of a century. This victory was largely due to the personal popularity of Lord Crichton-Stuart, who overcame a Liberal majority of 155, winning by 289, and the withdrawal from politics of the old member D. A. Thomas, who was replaced in the Liberal interest by Sir C. Hyde.

There was an even greater surprise however, in the capture of Plymouth by Waldorf Astor and A. Shirley Benn, John Burns' old opponent in Battersea, who took Sir H. Durand's place as the running mate of the young Anglo-American. They proved a good team and the work that Mr. Astor had done in the constituency was shown by his success in replacing C. E. Mallet, financial secretary to the war office, who is the first minister to be defeated. The Unionists also captured the Melton division of Leicestershire, and their other two gains were made from labor, Dudley, which was consistently Unionist until 1906, returned to the fold, and Victoria, which recaptured Newton in Lancashire, S.W., which Labor had held in two parliaments.

It was clear that the nation could not be trusted in the keeping of the Liberal government, and he declared, before long another appeal must be made to the country.

MAN AND WOMAN DIE IN SUICIDE PACT

New York Couple Allowed Gas From Stove To Fill Room—Woman Has Husband Who Is Living.

New York, Dec. 7.—As the result of what is believed to have been a suicide pact, David M. Young, 30 years old, and Mrs. Julia Lewis, 25 years old, and wife of Lauret Lomis, died in a room here today from gas poisoning. Both of the dead were of this place.

They had removed the gas hose from a stove and let the full pressure of gas flow into the room. The dead bodies were found by a sister of the woman late today.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEEDMARK HANGING

Perth, Ont., Dec. 7.—Arrangements for the hanging of Rufus Weedmark for the murder of his wife which takes place at the jail here on December 14th have been completed. Only the officials will be present, and admission cards to reporters. Weedmark still preserves the attitude of a stoic. Local clergymen visit him daily, but he has not shown any contrition as yet. He sleeps and eats well. There is little hope expected of a commutation.

BONI'S SUICIDE IS REPORTED

Paris, Dec. 7.—A rumor was current tonight that a Frenchman well known in aristocracy and political circles had committed suicide. The report associated the tragedy with the name of Count Boni De Castellane, but no reasons for this were forthcoming and no confirmation whatever could be obtained.