

COMMITTEE OF UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES

Important Papers at Opening Session Yesterday... PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS... M. G. Siddall Refers to Need of Modern Taxation System and Other Plans For Betterment of People of Province

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Oct. 23.—The convention of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities opened this morning in J. Wm. Smith's new theatre.

President's Address. "Gentlemen:—I desire first to express my appreciation of the honor you conferred on me at the last meeting of our union, when you made me your president."

St. John's New Government. "I am also pleased to note that one of our municipalities, the City of St. John, has changed its mode of government to an elective commission."

DR. POLLOCK'S JUBILEE MARKED BY GENEROUS GIFTS TO PINE HILL. Halifax Man Presents Presbyterian College with Travelling Scholarship—Lecture in Homiletics Endowed.

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ALLIES PURCHASING VICTORIES FROM TURKS AT HEAVY SACRIFICE

Great Battle in Progress Now in Thrace... BALKAN FORCES MAKE STEADY GAINS... Constantinople Reports Less Confident of Ultimate Success of Ottoman Arms Than Heretofore -- Movements of Montenegrin Forces Not Definitely Known

London, Oct. 23.—The news from the seat of war tonight tells of the continued successes of the allies. The Serbians have captured Novi-pazar and are the virtual masters of Kumanova.

Montenegrin Advances Meagre. Information concerning the Montenegrin progress is meagre, but the Turkish authorities claim that Scutari has been reinforced and is safe.

Constantinople, Oct. 23.—Heavy fighting continued all day along the line from Adrianople to Kirk-Kilisseh, but a decisive result is not expected until tomorrow evening.

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TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN FACTORY

Eight People Blown Up With Plant of Energite Co. in Haileybury, Ont. Concussion Shattered Windows All Over the Town—People Terrified.

Haileybury, Ont., Oct. 23.—At noon today the plant of the Energite Explosive Company was blown up with a terrific detonation. The manager, Harry Long, W. H. McLaughlin, a carpenter, Robert Young, formerly a resident of Ottawa, brother of "Weldy" Young, four of the mill hands and a woman were killed instantly.

TRIAL OF GRANT ON MURDER CHARGE BEGAN YESTERDAY. The Defence is Trying to Prove Man Who Killed Thomas Donaldson in Halifax to be Insane.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Oct. 23.—Hubert Grant changed with the murder of Thomas Donaldson in Halifax last June, came up for his trial today before Mr. Justice Ritchie.

BISHOP RICHARDSON IS RESTING QUIETLY, REPORTED LAST NIGHT. Toronto, Oct. 23.—While descending the stairs at the Albany Club yesterday Sir Mackenzie Bowell, former prime minister of Canada, tripped and fell 12 steps to the landing below.

VANCOUVER WANTS MINES PORTFOLIO. Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 23.—British Columbia is making a strong bid for the ministry of mines in case such a portfolio should be created by the federal parliament.

LOYAL NOTE SENT FROM AUSTRALIA

Dominions Must Stand Side by Side with Mother Country Says the Minister of Defence. Melbourne, Australia, Oct. 23.—"What affects any part of the Empire," said Senator Pearce, Federal Minister of Defence, speaking at Trafalgar Day banquet here, "affects every part of it and affects the co-operation of all the dominions."

JURISDICTION IS QUESTIONED

Shipping Federation Doubts Right of Wreck Commissioner to Probe Accidents on Newfoundland Coast. It appears that the steamer went aground on the coast of Newfoundland near Canadian waters. The act governing the powers of the wreck commissioner provides that he can inquire into and adjudicate on all accidents which take place at or near Canadian waters.

SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL SUSTAINS SLIGHT ACCIDENT

Fell Down Twelve Stairs in Toronto Club But Injuries are Not of Serious Nature. Toronto, Oct. 23.—While descending the stairs at the Albany Club yesterday Sir Mackenzie Bowell, former prime minister of Canada, tripped and fell 12 steps to the landing below.

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JURY WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF BECKER TODAY

AGNES MCKISSOCK RETURNED TO WOODSTOCK FROM TORONTO WITH STRANGE STORY—STOLE FURS. DETECTIVES HADN'T HEARD OF DEATH. Seeking Her in Hamilton, They Learned of Her Demise.

Toronto, Oct. 23.—Inspector of Detectives Kennedy was notified today to look into the case of Agnes McKissock, the young Scotch domestic whose death apparently resulted from poison now being investigated by a jury at Woodstock.

GLEN CAMPBELL FALLS HEIR TO A LARGE FORTUNE

Former Member for Dauphin Learns of Uncle's Legacy of \$8,000,000—Doubts Accuracy of Information. Winnipeg, Oct. 23.—Glenyon Archibald Campbell, more familiarly known as "Glen" Campbell, who sat for a number of years in Manitoba legislature and during the last Dominion parliament represented Dauphin in Ottawa, now chief inspector of In-Ontario affairs in the west, has received a letter from a firm of solicitors in Australia, saying that his uncle, Archibald Sterling, a big sheep rancher, has left him sole heir to an estate of \$8,000,000.

ELECTION DAY IN RICHELIEU TODAY; INTEREST GENERAL

Montreal, Oct. 23.—Tomorrow is election day in Richelieu and interest in the result has been stimulated somewhat by the announcement that Sir Rodolphe Forget, president of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., has wavered \$5,000 with A. C. Etemont, of Sorel that the Conservative candidate will be elected.

CONVICTION OF CROWN PRINCE

St. Petersburg, Oct. 23.—The crown prince passed a quiet and painless day. The evening temperature was 12.1° C. below zero.

Counsel Completed Appeals to the Jury

WARM PASSAGES. Lawyers Spent Eight Hours Summing Up Cases—Judge Goff Will Deliver Charge To Jury Today -- Fate of the Gunmen

New York, N. Y., Oct. 23.—The fate of Police Lieut. Charles Becker, on trial for the last two weeks for the murder of the gambler, Herman Rosenthal, will rest with the jury tomorrow. Counsel for both sides completed today their appeals to the jury and all that remained to close the case when adjournment was taken tonight, was Justice Goff's charge to the jury, which he will deliver tomorrow morning.

PROSECUTION SCORES POINT

"If Becker did not have a motive for the murder, why did he want to get an affidavit from Rose two days after Rosenthal was dead?" Mr. Moss asked. "The truth is Becker did not know how things would go. He saw the possibility that Rose might be a witness against him and he got an affidavit from Rose to silence him. He got Rose to swear his own life away, so that he could not testify against him in the trial."

GUNMEN ATTENDED TO

Answering Mr. McIntyre's declaration that the four gunmen, yet to be tried, might go free, even if Becker were convicted, Mr. Moss said: "Have no fear that you will ever meet these four men on Broadway. We have not disclosed our entire case against them yet, and you need not be afraid of meeting Rose, Webber and Vallon there, after this trial is over. Their friends, the gunmen of the underworld will take care of that."

CONDITION OF CROWN PRINCE

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