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A BLOW FOR WHITEWAY

The Imperial Government Refuses to Remove the Disabilities.

CONFEDERATION A PARTY ISSUE

In the Present Crisis They Will Ask to be Admitted Into the Canadian Confederation—Mines Close Down, Throwing 500 Men Out of Employment.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Jan. 21.—The House of Assembly Saturday passed a resolution with closed doors requesting the governor to telegraph the Imperial government urging that assent be given at once to a bill removing the disabilities from the unseated members of the Whiteway party as they are needed to conduct the public affairs in the present crisis. The resolution was forced through at one sitting without notice or time for discussion. The Opposition will make a strong protest. The legislature will to-day adjourn a month to give time for maturing measures to meet the present crisis. It is expected that they will decide on confederation with Canada as the colony cannot sustain its independence.

The Government party, it is understood, is preparing to face the country on the question of the confederation issue. They also want ex-Premier Whiteway and his associates to lead in the contest believing that their prestige would be sufficient to carry with Canada. It is also hinted that they are endeavoering to obtain a promise from the Canadian Government that Whitway be made the first Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland under the confederation. Governor O'Brien in promising to forward the Government's resolution on the disability bill to the Imperial authorities declined to recommend it for Imperial assent.

Governor O'Brien has received a despatch from the Imperial Government refusing to assent to the bill for the removal of the ditabilities of Sir William Whiteway and his colleagues. This refusal will probably compell the Government to accept a royal commission to investigate the colony's affairs as in the resolutions asking the passage of this bill the Government admitted its incapacity to continue to conduct affairs.

The copper mines at Little Bay have shut down, the owners of a wealthy English firm having decided to abandon mining in New foundland altogether. The force of men are now engaged dismantling the works and machinery, preparatory to shipping it from the country. The shutdown throws about five hundred men out of employment.

Estimates of charitable associations show that about 3,000 persons in this city are receiving relief daily.

A number of persons implicated in the bank scandals are likely to be arrested to-day. Among them will probably be some of the directors.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Times says editorially: "Canada is not likely to welcome Newfoundland while the latter is a bankrupt colony with a French shore difficulty. If Newfoundland becomes a crown colony, possibly an English bank will be willing to open a branch there. In view of the hardy maritime population we would suggest also a navy recruiting station."

TRUE BILL FOR MURDER.

Clara Ford Will be Tried Now on the Charge of Murder.

TORONTO, Jan. 21.—The grand jury in the case of Clara Ford, charged with the murder of Frank Westwood, brought in a true bill on Saturday.

Clara was arraigned in court and pleaded not guilty. Mr. Murdoch, who is defending the girl, moved for a postponement of the trial until March. He filed an affidavit made by the prisoner, in which she pleaded that a fair trial was impossible in the present state of public feeling, as an unprejudiced jury could not be had. The affidavit also sets forth that many witnesses, whose evidence would tell of the prisoner's movements on the night of the murder, had not yet been procured owing to a lack of funds. Justice Street could not see that the affidavit was sufficient cause for postponement and refused the request, consequently the trial will go on at the present assizes.

Mayor Stewart Loses a Good Position.

HAMILTON, Jan. 21.—Mayor A. D. Stewart, who has held the position of chief game warden for the past three years, has received a letter from Hon. J. M. Gibson asking him to resign the position. The reason given for this action by Mr. Gibson is that it is desired to have the chief game warden's office located in the Parliament buildings, Toronto, and the holder of the post must give his time exclusively to the work in connection therewith. A salary of $1,000 a year is paid the chief game warden and several names are already mentioned in connection with Mayor Stewart's successor, among them being Edward Tinsley and Andrew Murdoch, both of Hamilton.

Welland's Peat Fuel Industry.

WELLAND, Ont., Jan. 21.—The development of the manufacture of peat fuel at the great beds of material now operated and controlled by the Ontario peat fuel company in the township of Wainfleet is likely to be very greatly enhanced by the announcement just made that the Canada Southern Railway Co. (Michigan Central Railway) will begin within the next six weeks the construction of a branch line from a point on the main line west of the town to the peat beds. The operation of the peat works has been hampered by the lack of shipping facilities and the proposed action will lead to much greater output and the employment of many men.

A Smallpox Case in Guelph.

GUELPH, Jan. 21.—A case of smallpox occurred here on Friday in the person of William Schwartz who some days before came from near St. Thomas to attend the Dairy School under the control of the president of the Agricultural College. The dairy buildings are situated a quarter of a mile from the college and its students board in private houses in the township near Guelph. The sick man had mingled for several days with the students at the Dairy School, and when too sick to work, consulted a Guelph physician, who diagnosed smallpox and sent him to the smallpox hospital, where he is isolated.

Brockville Bigamy Case.

BROCKVILLE, Jan. 21.—Detective Wm. Greer, of Toronto, arrived here on Saturday in connection with the Dempster bigamy case. The fact connected with the postponement of the sentence of Mrs. Dempster by Judge McDonald gives color to the rumors that Mrs. Dempster secured poison that would destroy her husband's life without leaving a trace.

Detective Fahey to be Released.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—Detective Fahey, who was sentenced to fourteen years in penitentiary in 1888 for participation in the famous Grand Trunk burglary, will, it is understood, be released in a few days, his case having been favorably reported upon to the Minister of Justice. Fahey is now in the last stages of consumption and cannot live much longer.

BUTTE'S BIG DISASTER.

Terrible Havoc Worked by the Explosion of Giant Powder.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 17.—By the explosion of giant powder in the hardware warehouse which was reported yesterday many lives were lost. The grounds for a block around the scene of the explosion was strewn with the quivering flesh of dismembered men and horses, pinned down by fragments of the fire engines and burning brands from the demolished warehouse. The building was literally blown to pieces, and a hole 70 feet deep was excavated in the ground by the force of the explosion

The list of the dead will possibly reach 75, and the damage done to property will be more than $1,000,000. In all, three carloads of powder exploded. A boy, ten years of age, was found dead in the street two blocks from the scene of the explosion.

Over 100 are injured, many of them fatally. Every hospital in the city is crowded. The citizens who escaped appear to be stunned and unable to fully realize the extent of the calamity. Most of the dead are so frightfully mangled that identification is impossible. Heads, legs, arms and other parts of bodies were picked up all about the scene of the explosion; within a radius of five blocks fingers, brains and fragments of flesh were gathered up with shovels and deposited in baskets.

A woman was so affected by the shock that she gave premature birth to a child in the street. It was reported by some of the rescuing party that several human ghouls, while pretending to assist in the work, went through the dead and injured and robbed them. The dead body of a small boy, John O'Leary, was picked up in East Gold several blocks from the scene after the second explosion had occurred. There were no marks on his body. Only three working firemen escaped being killed. Chief Cameron was blown to atoms and the only thing found of him was his belt attached to a charred portion of his body.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 21.—George Devoy, of London, Ont., died yesterday making five-seven deaths from Tuesday's explosion. Several more cannot recover. More charred bones were taken from the ruins yesterday. The coroner's investigation will begin to-day.

SENATOR TASSE DEAD.

He Passes Away After a Lingering Illness of Three Months.

MONTREAL, Jan. 18.—Senator Tasse died yesterday, after three months' illness, which he bore with great fortitude. In the last fortnight he has been unconscious for most of the time. During his illness he was visited by Sir A. P. Caron, Archbishop Fabre, and leading citizens.

Senator Tasse was 45 years of age, and leaves a wife and two daughters. For fifteen years he was editor of La Minerve and was an uncompromising Conservative. He formerly represented Ottawa city in the Commons and succeeded the late Senator Trudel in the Senate. He was unsuccessful in several elections.

He was one of the Canadian commissioners at Chicago at the World's Fair and was the author of several books.

The funeral will take place to-morrow morning.

Trade in the Dominion.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Bradstreet's says: Toronto reports a moderate volume of trade, with some improvement in orders for heavy and seasonable goods and a fair outlook. More than usual dullness is reported by Montreal jobbers, the redeeming feature in the Province of Quebec being that purchasers have long been confined to actual wants, so that liabilities are smaller than usual. In Nova Scotia the volume of trade for the year has about equalled expectations, although prices have been disappointingly low and profits consequently interfered with. The situation in Newfoundland remains unchanged, with the outlook not encouraging. Bank clearings at Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax aggregate $21,159,000 this week. Last week the total was $22,630,000 and in the week a year ago it was $13,767,000. There are 64 business failures reported from the Dominion of Canada this week. Last week the total was 53, and one and two years ago respectively it was 48 and 39.

Confessed to a Murder.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—During an inquest held here on the body of a woman named Marguerite Lecoste, who was found dead in her boarding house, some sensational evidence came to light. Eight years ago a man named A. Gamache was found dead in the house of the deceased at Papineauville. The deceased's character at this time was not one that could bear much scrutiny, and as the affair had a suspicious appearance, the coroner of Aylmer was notified of the death, but for some reason or other there was no inquest held. Later on the Government was notified of the suspicious occurrence, but still no investigation was held. Two witnesses, Mrs. Amyot, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. Chapleau, in giving their evidence, testified that deceased, just previous to her death, confessed to them that she had poisoned Gamache, but did not say what kind of drug she had used.

Fined for Publishing a Sunday Paper.

TORONTO, Jan. 17.—In the police court yesterday Mr. Murdoch, for W. F. Maclean, of the World, admitted publication on the Sunday of the fire of a limited edition, purely as an act of mercy, and in the public interest, with no intention of wilfully breaking the law, or for gain, and that the company in the afternoon refused to print any more papers. He said there had been great excitement in the city over the great loss of property and loss of life, and that it was to allay the excitement that the paper was printed. The magistrate said that no person could convince him that publishing a paper on Sunday was a work of mercy or necessity, but under the circumstances, as there had been a great deal of excitement, unless it was intended to make a test of the case, he would not feel disposed to impose a severe penalty. He fined Mr. Maclean $1 and costs. The newsboys were discharged.

Burglars in the Royal City.

GUELPH, Jan. 19.—Burglars entered Robert Dillon's residence on Cork street by smashing in a side door while Mr. and Mrs. Dillon were visiting Mrs. Dillon's mother in another part of the city. They ransacked everything and held high carnival, taking away with them a keg of beer, some whiskey, four diamond and two torquoise rings, a gold watch and other sundries.

Another Victim of the Delavan Fire.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Benjamin Hellman, of Brooklyn, who with his wife jumped from the fourth story of the Delavan house on the day of the fire, died at the city hospital on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Hellman arrived on their wedding tour at five o'clock in the afternoon of the fire. In jumping from the window Mr. Hellman struck a balcony and received internal injuries. His bride was badly injured and is disfigured for life.

A Guelph Woman's Sudden Death.

GUELPH, Jan. 19.—Mrs. McDonald, mother of Dr. Sarjeant of this city, while on her way to the station to take the train to Elora, her former home, became so weak that she went into Reid's hardware store to rest temporarily. Stimulants were applied, but she gradually grew worse and expired within a few minutes.

A STRANGE PHENOMENON.

Lights, Stronger Than Two Noonday Suns, Seen by a Steamer on Lake Michigan.

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., Jan. 21.—The Detroit and Milwaukee steamer was more than half way across Lake Michigan on Friday night when the pilot saw a bright light off the starboard bow. He could not account for it, and called the captain. The captain, too, was puzzled, and thinking that the boat must have veered from her course and that the light was from Grand Haven, he ordered her headed for it.

It was calculated that the light was fifteen miles ahead. After proceeding ten miles a companion light appeared some five miles to the westward. The passengers, who had by this time been aroused, gathered on the deck and watched these lights, which now began to flash at intervals.

On went the steamer and as she approached the light the passengers were obliged to hold up umbrellas and other objects to shade their eyes from the intense glare. So bright was it that Steward Walthew, over 60 years old, was enabled to read the Lord's prayer from the fine print of a Bible without his glasses. Suddenly a mountain of darkness seemed to arise between the boat and the light, but the blaze was flashed over its top. In a few moments the mountain sank backward and the lights were seen still too brilliant for the eye to endure. At just 2 a.m. by the captain's watch, the lights flashed, there was a terrible rumbling like a quadruple peal of thunder, and then the lights disappeared. Almost on the instant a tidal wave struck the ship and the phenomenon was over.

No one attempts to explain the strange occurrence. The boat, which was fifteen miles out of her course, was over an hour late in arriving here. A commercial traveller named Dunn, who was on the boat, said that the glare was greater than two noon suns and that he really believed the end of the world had come. The captain has made an official report of the phenomenon to the secretary of the company and these facts are taken from that report.

WESTERN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Close of the Annual Meeting—Election of Officers.

STRATFORD, Jan. 18.—The meetings of the Western Dairymen's Association closed yesterday afternoon. This has been the most successful convention financially and otherwise that the association has ever held. A. W. Campbell, of St. Thomas, spoke on the relation of good roads to dairying, and was followed by Prof. Robertson on dairying in Canada.

In the morning Messrs. Everett, Chafais and Dillon were the principal speakers. At the afternoon session the attendance had fallen off somewhat, but undaunted addresses from Messrs. Gould, Pearce, Robertson, Derbyshire and others interest was fully maintained until the adjournment.

A resolution was adopted strongly recommending that such regulations be adopted and such laws enacted as may compell cheese factories to brand all cheese made with the date on which it was manufactured.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. Pattullo, Woodstock; 1st Vice-President, A. F. MacLaren, Toronto; 2nd Vice-President, Harold Eagle, Attercliffe. Directors, John Prain, Harriston; J. N. Paget, Canboro; J. F. Williams, Ingersoll; Geo. Robertson, Lucknow; Thos Ballantyne, Stratford; J. S. Pearce, London; Harry White, Hawkesville. Auditors, J. C. Hegler, Ingersoll and J. A. Nelles, London.

Last night the members of the association were the guests of the city in a banquet at the Windsor hotel.

PROMINENT SOUTHERNER DYING.

The First Editor to Openly Advocate Secession—Original Owner of "Blind Tom."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Gen. James W. Bethune, of Georgia, lies critically ill in this city. He is nearly 93 years old. He was the first editor in the south to openly advocate secession. He was also almost the pioneer free trader in this country, having as early as 1840 advocated free trade and direct taxation. At one time he was attorney general of the state of Georgia. He moved into Virginia shortly after the late war and incidentally became widely known as the original owner of "Blind Tom," the negro musical prodigy.

THE WAR IN THE ORIENT.

The Tong-Chow-Foo Forts Silenced—Approaching Wei-Hai-Wei.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Central News learns from Chee-Foo that three Japanese warships carrying troops have silenced the forts at Tong-Chow-Foo. More than 25,000 Japanese have been landed at Yun-Ching, near the great fortress of Wei-Hai-Wei, and fifty Japanese transports are off the coast at that point.

Irrigation in the Northwest.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—Mr. Lucas, M. P. P., of Calgary, N. W. T., who is here for a week past, has left for Toronto. He wants the Government, under the Irrigation Act of last session, to allow the township of Springbank to divert sufficient water from Bow river and Jumping Pound creek to irrigate 50,000 acres to that district. The Government has practically agreed to this. Mr. Lucas has, therefore, been able to float the debentures of the municipality to the extent of $100,000 at 6 per cent. interest with capitalists in Toronto. He is in Toronto now completing his arrangements.

Charge Against a G. T. R. Detective.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—The case of Margaret Connell, alias Matilda Flynn, was again before Judge Dugas yesterday. The accused, who is charged with vagrancy by the wife of Grand Trunk Detective Flynn, through the agency of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, related that she had been taken from a house of ill-fame by Flynn and kept by him; that her name was Margaret Connell. Flynn was ordered to be detained on a charge of perjury, having it is alleged, falsely stated that the girl was his illegitimate daughter.

A cyclone visited San Miguel, Cal., Wednesday night doing considerable damage. Robert Peck's buggy was overturned, breaking two of his ribs, and a flying tree pierced his lungs. The Parkville stage was overturned, but the passengers escaped injury. Telegraph poles were thrown to the ground and wire prostrated.

In the explosion at Butte, Montana, fifty-three were killed and eighty-five injured, and the loss by fire and explosion in the immediate vicinity of the disaster is $160,000. The relief committee received subscriptions amounting to $70,000. The public funeral on Friday of the victims of the terrible explosion was a gloomy spectacle.

Sam Hoteling, a farmer living five miles south of Fairmont, Minnesota, went to the house of T. B. Whitney, his father-in-law, and shot and killed both of the old people and his wife, who had left him and gone to live with her parents. After committing the murders Hoteling fled to his own house near by and barricaded the doors and windows, in anticipation of a siege. He kept the sheriff's posse at bay until morning, when the house was riddled with bullets. An entrance was forced and Hoteling was found dead, having shot himself in the head.

BROKE OUT IN A RIOT.

The Unemployed in Montreal Evidently Bent on Mischief.

MONTREAL, Jan. 19.—Montreal narrowly escaped serious riot and bloodshed yesterday afternoon and had it not been for the effective work of the police the results would have been serious. The mob of idle men which had been surging around the city hall since early morning, towards one o'clock grew turbulent. While one of the leaders was addressing them a carter attempted to pass through the ranks and this was the signal for the disorder to commence. The police were appealed to, and they began to pilot the sleighs, but they could not go beyond the outskirts; the crowd hemmed them in, those in the rear crushing the others upon the officers, and separating them from their charges. Pandemonium at this point began to reign. Superintendent Hughes appeared on the scene with reinforcements. All the reserve men of the Central station were called out and the patrol wagon came dashing down the street. Constable Gratton was seriously hurt at this point; some say that the patrol wagon passed over him. He was carried into the station. Another young man was carried to the station, blood flowing from his face. He was placed under arrest. The Chief addressed the crowd and told them that they would have to allow a passage for vehicles. He was interrupted by howls and jeers and many began to throw ice and snow. It was then found necessary to disperse the crowd, which became violent. But it was no easy matter, for they refused to move.

The most excitable spirits were placed under arrest and lodged in the cells. Ten were arrested. They protested and some refused to accompany the officers quietly. One young fellow was very impertinent towards the Chief of Police, and he even wanted to attack the Chief, but he was calmed.

The police used their batons only as a final resource; but when the crowd saw that the officers were in earnest they dispersed. During the rest of the afternoon they gathered in squads around the city hall, but they were peaceful. The prisoners were subsequently allowed out on bail.

Requirements of a Prohibition Candidate.

SUSSEX, N.B., Jan. 18.—The convention of prohibitionists held at Berwick yesterday was attended by a large number of leading temperance people from various parts of the country. Resolutions were adopted affirming the desirability of having the man to be elected in King's county to be a thorough temperance man and prohibitionist. Rev. Mr. Grant submitted a statement of what the prohibitionist candidate should subscribe to, which in brief required that he should be of good moral standing, to abstain from all intoxicating beverages; use all proper means in Parliament, irrespective of party or how his vote may affect his party; make prominent his purposes in at least three papers, and keep before his constituents during the campaign his views on prohibition. Several delegates thought it would be hard to secure a man to subscribe to all this platform, and before a vote was reached the convention adjourned, to meet at the call of the executive.

Fatal Accident at Little Glace Bay.

SYDNEY, N.S., Jan. 18.—A terrible accident occurred at Little Glace Bay last evening. Just after dark a ballast train left Bridgeport for a ballast pit beyond Port Morien. Some time afterwards the mangled body of a man was discovered on the track by Stirling pit switch, which is but a few hundred yards from Glace Bay station. One arm was torn from the socket, both legs broken, the skull smashed and the body generally horribly mutilated. The man was Hugh McVarish, of Creignesh, Inverness county. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. Deceased was unmarried.

Transfer of a C. P. R. Branch.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—It is learned from reliable sources that the transfer of the Aylmer branch of the C. P. R. to the P. and P. J. railway is to take place within the next few weeks. Only a few conditions remain to be fixed by the two companies interested. Both companies are somewhat busy just now, so the arrangements for the transfer are not being rushed to completion quite as rapidly as they might be under other circumstances. It is understood all the employes of the P. and P. J. railway are to be paid in full before the change goes into effect.

Preferred Death to Dishonor.

TORONTO, Jan. 19.—Laxness of morals led William H. Durand to become entangled with a woman who was not his wife, and the strain on his purse of keeping two homes led him to dishonesty. He defrauded the Massey-Harris Company, whose collector he was for Western Ontario and expected arrest. Rather than meet his trouble he took morphine and died at his home, 333 Shaw street. He had always been looked upon as honest. The firm does not known the full amount of his shortage. His wife is deeply distressed.

Accident on the G. T. R.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Lehigh G. T. R. express ran into a horse and cutter which was being driven by Mr. Robert Haggard, St. Paul street, London West, at the Hyde Park crossing of the Graud Trunk yesterday morning, and mangled the driver and horse in a frightful way and smashed the cutter into kindling wood. An inquest will be held on Monday, a jury being empanelled by Detective Ward. The deceased leaves a wife and child in London West. For a couple of years he has resided on Oxford street but recently moved to Paul street.

Burglars in Delhi.

DELHI, Ont., Jan. 18.—Our town has been again visited by burglars. This time Messrs. Crysle & Stralton were the victims. An entrance was made in their store through the side window. The safe was drilled with some tools stolen from Pettit's blacksmith shop and the door blown open with dynamite. They were unable to open the interior vault, so obtained nothing out of the safe. They secured about $1.50 in coppers out of the till.

Damages for Her Husband's Death.

HAMILTON, Jan. 18.—At the winter assizes before Judge Robertson the case of Badcock v. Freeman was finished yesterday. This was an action brought by Mrs. Emma Badcock against the estate of W. A. Freeman for $2,000 damages for the loss of her husband, who was killed by a boiler explosion at the fertilizing works of defendants. The case was tried before Judge Armour in September, 1893, and the jury disagreed. Yesterday the jury gave plaintiff a verdict for $1,900.

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