

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA FAVOR CHURCH UNION

Remit Carries By Majority of Eight At Larger Presbytery While Only Five Are Opposed At Capital.

MUST COME TO PEOPLE AGAIN

Montreal, Jan. 10.—Church union was the paramount question discussed at today's meeting of the Montreal presbytery held in Knox church, a decision finally reached in favor of the General Assembly's remission embodying the proposed basis, the voting being 33 in favor and 25 against.

The discussion turned upon a motion made at the special meeting held in December last by the Rev. Dr. Scott to disapprove of the remit sent down by the General Assembly, and although the vote had been fixed to be taken at a definite hour today, some further discussion presented it.

The attitude of the mover of the resolution, Dr. Scott, was that there was no strong manifestation on the part of the church members for organic union, and that the movement was based on the spirit of the age in regard to merging every concern into a larger one.

The voice of the Presbytery was taken by a standing vote with the result mentioned, indicating that the Montreal Presbytery lends its support to the proposed basis of union. This attitude of the Presbytery, however, modified by a motion, moved by Rev. Principal Scrimger, to the effect that the Presbytery respectfully represent to the General Assembly that no action should be taken to consummate the union until the question has been sent down to sessions and congregations for their approval and thereafter again sent down to presbyteries in terms of the Barrier Act.

Vote in Ottawa.—The question of church union was decided by the Ottawa Presbytery at a meeting today. The vote showed 36 in favor and 5 against union.

FIVE EMPLOYMENT BUREAUX IN QUEBEC

Montreal, Jan. 10.—The beginning of the end of privately owned employment bureaus and agencies is in sight. Within a week or two, the provincial government will open free employment bureaus in Montreal and Quebec. The distinct intention of the authorities is to remove as quickly as possible the impositions to which male and female workers are subjected to when induced to pay high fees in order to obtain what is represented to be permanent employment, but which in reality does not, in many instances last more than a week or ten days.

FEAR FOR SAFETY OF MISSING BARGE CREW

Craft Broke From Moorings At Owen Sound Sunday And Has Not Been Heard Of Since.

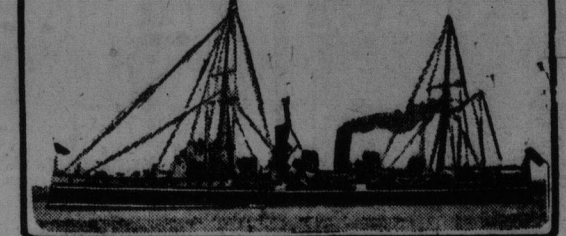
Owen Sound, Jan. 10.—Fears are entertained for the safety of the captain and crew of the barge Isabella Sands which came in to the Carney Lumber Company's dock late Sunday evening with a load of lumber taken from the steamer Alaska, which was burned at Tobemary, some time ago.

The Sands tied up safely, but when the morning broke she had disappeared and has not since been seen or heard of. It is thought that stress of weather caused the captain to seek to run across the bay to a less exposed position and that the wind forced him out into the bay. Up to late to-night nothing had been heard from her.

ENGLISHMAN AWARDED \$1,000 FOR DEATH OF SON

London, Ont., Jan. 10.—Damages of \$1,000 was awarded to P. J. Burchell, of England, against the Grand Trunk Railway in the assize court today for the death of his son, who was killed while in the employ of the company. This is the only jury case at the assize.

PERSIA APPEALS AGAINST RUSSIA AND ENGLAND



The British warship Porcupine, sent to Persia to protect British interests.

Document of 16,000 Words Bearing Seal of the Empire Addressed to American People—Claimed That Britain Refuses to Support Efforts to Exclude Russian Troops from Kingdom.

New York, Jan. 10.—Out of the tangled web of diplomacy, plot and counter plot, that has wrapped it about for centuries, the Persian government has raised its voice in appeal to the whole world, for an appeal for what it styles justice against England and Russia. The first cry reached this country today with a document of sixteen thousand words bearing the seal of the empire and the full signature of Mostafel-Manalik, president of the council. It is addressed to the American people through H. H. Topokyan, Persian consul general at New York.

The appeal is in duplicate, in Persian and French, and until the task of translation is finished, the text cannot be given.

The French copy was read by H. P. Disbecker, consular adviser to M. Topokyan and from him a slight outline of its contents was obtained.

An attempt was made by the Telegraph to create capital against Mr. Hazen and the Provincial Government, as the item states that speakers "referred to Mr. Hazen's electric road and condemned the action of the Premier in negotiating for such an enterprise."

Pres. Oils and the Official Reporter agree that the report was untrue and further say that no such account of the meeting was sent to the Telegraph. At the meeting the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Meductic Board of Trade will cooperate with other boards of trade along the St. John River Valley in a further demand for a railway, and that our great need of such accommodation be again presented to both the local and federal governments.

Speaking of the matter tonight Mr. Oils says, that the meeting was a most harmonious one. Its purpose was to keep impressing the authorities with the need and importance of a railway along the St. John Valley.

"There may be a few people," said Mr. Oils, "who, without knowledge of what a modern electric railway is, would prefer the steam power to electricity; but what is wanted is a railway of some sort."

"Premier Hazen has the support of the people in the efforts he has already put forth, all of which have been marked with sincerity of purpose."

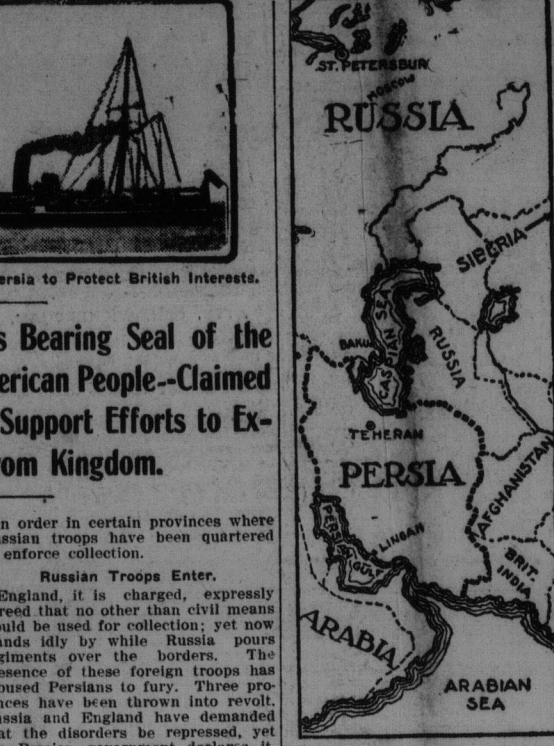
CEIBA FEARS ATTACK BY REVOLUTIONISTS

Puerto Cortez, Honduras, Jan. 10.—"An attack upon Ceiba by revolutionists is expected at any moment."

This terse message received today, direct from Ceiba, indicates the near approach to that city of the revolutionary forces of General Manuel Bonilla, who on Sunday captured Tela, a port city 50 miles east of Puerto Cortez, and an equal distance from Ceiba.

WANDERERS 5; QUEBEC 4.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—A fast and exciting hockey match took place in the Arena here tonight, the Wanderers beating Quebec by 5 goals to 4, after playing thirteen minutes overtime.



Map of Persia, showing encroachment of Russian territory.

held herself at liberty to assume the work herself by occupation. Persian revenues, it is said, would be used to pay the cost and Russia, it was added, contemplated similar measures.

The declaration followed months of unrest in Teheran and repeated outbreaks of hostilities between the insurgents and the government troops.

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KING TO OPEN PARLIAMENT FEBRUARY 6

First State Ceremony At Formal Opening Of New House—Members Sworn In Jan. 31—Lloyd-George Busy.

London, Jan. 10.—It is announced that King George will open parliament on Feb. 6th. He will be accompanied by the queen and there will be a full state ceremony. The House of Commons will open informally on Jan. 31 for the purpose of swearing in the members.

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FIVE MONTHS ON ABDUCTION CHARGE

Men Cleared Of Murder Of Cecille Michaud Must Serve Short Term On Less Serious Indictment.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—Ludger Perault and Albert Chevrier, who recently were freed by Judge Bazin from the murder charge against them concerning the death of little Miss Cecille Michaud, were both today sentenced by Judge Choquet to five months imprisonment on a charge of abduction, their sentence to date from Dec. 7 last. The mystery surrounding the tragedy remains unsolved.

SUCCESSOR TO W.E. COREY

New York, Jan. 10.—James A. Farrell, of Brooklyn, is the choice of the finance committee of the United States Steel Corporation to succeed William Ellis Corey as president of the corporation.

BULKLEY DEFEATED.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 10.—George P. McLean, governor of this state in 1901 and 1902, will be the United States senator from Connecticut, succeeding the present senator, Morgan G. Bulkley. Mr. McLean defeated the senior senator in the Republican caucus today by a vote of 113 to 64.

FIRE LOSS AT CINCINNATI OVER MILLION

Several Missing Firemen, But Reports Of Fatalities Not Confirmed—Crowds Caught By Fall Of Wreckage.

FINEST BUILDING IN CITY DESTROYED

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 10.—Dollars a loss of more than one million dollars, this city suffered its second great fire within three weeks when the Chamber of Commerce building at Fourth and Vine streets was destroyed tonight, adjacent property damaged, a dozen firemen injured and possibly lives lost.

While several firemen still are unaccounted for up to a late hour reports of fatalities among firemen and spectators who were caught in the wreckage of the collapsed roof have not been confirmed.

It is known that there were a large number of employees at work when the fire started.

The Cincinnati Stock Exchange and the Louisville and Nashville Railroad offices, both of which contained records almost invaluable, were consumed in the conflagration. Only the bare walls of what was Cincinnati's most magnificent architectural building remain. The building had a valuation of \$1,000,000, while the fixtures in the various offices were valued at \$50,000.

The stocks of several business houses in the block were damaged, but the fire was confined to the Chamber of Commerce building.

Fully 5,000 people were crowded directly outside the fire lines, when the roof collapsed. Smoke and flying sparks filled the streets for two squares and a panic followed. Men and women fought to escape and many were trampled in the rush. Many sustained bruises and cuts, but no one was reported seriously injured.

Owing to the density of the smoke the police were powerless to cope with the situation for fully 10 minutes and nearby office buildings were turned into what Sir Wilfrid Laurier termed shelter places for the panic stricken.

HORSE THEFT IN ALBERT CO.

George Harrison Traced To Forest Hill In Westmorland County And Placed Under Arrest—Municipal Council.

Albert, Jan. 10.—The annual session of the Albert Municipal Council convened at Hopewell Court House at 2:40 this afternoon. County Warden W. C. Carnwath presided, and there was a full roll in attendance.

Little work was done except in committee. The council will resume its session tomorrow morning when the reports of the committee will be dealt with.

Today before Police Magistrate E. E. Peck, a warrant was sworn out by Johnathan Robertson, proprietor of the Theopody Hotel for the arrest of a young man named Geo. Harrison on a charge of stealing a valuable horse, with a sleigh and rugs. It is alleged that Harrison, who is a native of Elgin, Albert county, used the rig to go for a drive of about five miles on Sunday, promising to return in a short time, but instead of doing so, drove on to Elgin and failed to send back the team. After receiving the information laid by Mr. Robertson, Magistrate Peck, called up Constable Benjamin Hamilton, of Forest Hill, Elgin, and sent him upon the trail of the missing horse. After a search the constable located Harrison and the horse at Westmorland county.

Harrison was placed under arrest and was brought back to Albert where he will be taken before Magistrate Peck tomorrow morning to answer a charge of theft.

B. C. AGAINST RECIPROCITY

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 10.—The Central Farmers' Institute, in annual convention here today, with forty delegates from all parts of British Columbia, unanimously passed a resolution viewing with alarm the movement of the grain growers for reciprocity in natural products with the United States, and asking on the contrary that the duties on fruits entering Canada be raised so as to make them equal to the duties now levied on fruits entering the United States.

W. J. McNEICE.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—Quite unexpectedly W. J. McNeice was found dead in his office chair this afternoon. He was 66 years of age and had been for the past 10 years carried on business on his own account as an importer of glass, china and earthenware and was one of the oldest in that trade in this city. Death was due to heart failure.

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STORM TIES UP RAILWAYS

Twelve Trains Stalled South Of Calgary While C. N. R. Express From Winnipeg Has Not Yet Arrived.

Calgary Alberta, Jan. 10.—The train service west of here and along the Crow's Nest is tied up. A slide at the south end of the main line, in the south there are twelve trains tied up within six miles near Michel and reports say the worst storm in recent years prevails. On the main line east of here and on the branches north and south there is some little difficulty in keeping the service up but there is nothing in the nature of a blockade.

The great severity of Monday's storm is apparent in the fact that the Saskatchewan Express on the Canadian Northern, which left Winnipeg on Monday at 10:40, has not yet arrived here. The train is stalled about thirty miles east of Brandon, and the officials here are not in a position to say when it can be moved out of the snow drift, in which it is buried.

FORMER ATHLETE AND POLICE CHIEF DEAD

Jack Crawford Dies At Sarnia After Few Days' Illness—Was Entitled to Match For Championship.

Sarnia, Ont., Jan. 10.—Jack Crawford, chief of police of Sarnia, died today of pneumonia, after a few days' illness. Crawford was fifteen years ago prominent in pugilistic circles, and was in line for a battle with Kid McCoy for the middleweight championship.

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ADMIRAL SCHLEY SUPPORTS COOK

U. S. Naval Officer Believes There Was Room Enough At Pole For Two—Suggests Collusion With Peary.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook received this letter today from Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, U. S. N., president of the Arctic Club, under whose auspices Dr. Cook made his expedition to the north:

Dear Dr. Cook: "I thank you very much for your kind letter and I would assure you that I have never varied in the belief that you and Civil Engineer Peary reached the pole. After reading the published accounts daily and critically, of both claimants, I was forced to the conclusion from their striking similarity, that each of you was the eye witness of the other's success. "Without collusion, it would have been impossible to have written accounts so similar and yet in view of the ungracious controversy that has occurred, that view would be impossible to imagine.

"While I have never believed that either of you got within a pinpoint of the pole, I have steadfastly held that both got as near the goal as was possible to ascertain, considering the imperfect condition of the instruments used and the personal errors of individuals under circumstances so adverse to absolute accuracy.

"Again, I have been broad enough in my views to believe that there was room enough at the pole for two and never narrow enough to believe that only one man got there.

"I believe that both of you are entitled to the honor of the achievement. "Very truly yours, (Signed) W. S. SCHLEY, "To Dr. Frederick A. Cook, New York City."

BRISSON HEAD OF DEPUTIES

Paris, Jan. 10.—The Chamber of Deputies organized today with the reelection of President Henri Brisson, Radical Socialist, who received 270 votes against 187 for Paul Deschanel, Republican, and 50 for Jules Guesde, United Socialist.

OTTAWA, 5; RENFREW, 4.

Renfrew, Jan. 10.—The home team lost its first home game being defeated tonight by 5 to 4 by Ottawa.