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A BOSTON MYSTERY BOSTON, Feb. 15.—The police are confronted with a mystery. Last night the clerk of the hotel Touraine reported that a man who registered at the hotel yesterday as S. B. Neal, Chicago, committed suicide by poison. He took care to destroy everything that might lead to his identification, even the labels upon his clothing having previously been removed and destroyed.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT LONDON, Feb. 15.—In the House of Commons today the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was resumed by Mr. Asquith (Liberal) formerly home secretary, who made the amendment "We humbly re-present to Your Majesty that the various aspects of the fiscal question have been fully discussed in the country for nearly two years and that the time has come for submitting the question to the people without further delay." Mr.

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CLAIMS \$10,000 FOR ILLEGAL DETENTION

A Greek's Action Against U. S. Immigration Officer Turner.

The Attorneys General of New Brunswick and Maine are Engaged in the Case.

The trial of the case of Anastasin Papageorgiu vs. H. M. Turner was begun this morning before Chief Justice Tuck. The plaintiff is a Greek and he sues the defendant, who is a United States immigration official, for false arrest and illegal detention, claiming damages to the extent of \$10,000. The plaintiff is represented by Attorney General Pugsley and W. W. Allen, and the defendant by J. W. Dyer, attorney general of Maine, and L. A. Currey. The evidence adduced this morning would go to show that there had been a conspiracy on the part of a number of United States immigration officials to convict two Assyrians, residing in St. John, of the crime of smuggling into the Union tabacco immigrants and of using Papageorgiu as a tool to effect their purpose.

After the opening of the trial some unpremeditated humor was elicited over the name of the plaintiff. The chief justice asked Attorney General Pugsley to pronounce the name. Upon his beginning to comply with the chief justice's request the chief justice asked him to stop, remarking that "nobody on earth could write it as the attorney general pronounced it."

The first witness to be examined was Geo. B. Morey, an Assyrian, residing in this city. He said he had been living in St. John for six years and met the plaintiff about a year ago at Spear-dale's confectionary store on Charlotte street. He introduced to the plaintiff on that occasion one George Seraffio, at the latter's request. He did not know then that Seraffio was a United States immigration official. Seraffio offered witness \$30 to take plaintiff to Eastport, paying over the money and promising \$10 more upon landing his man at Eastport. A few days later witness, accompanied by the plaintiff, Seraffio and one Corey, crossed to Carleton, and saw the plaintiff and Corey depart by the New Brunswick Southern Railway, presumably for Eastport. Witness and Seraffio returned to the city and left Eastport by the next steamer. They arrived at Eastport before the plaintiff and his companion, and when the latter arrived they all congregated in a certain house. It was long before the defendant, Turner, appeared, accompanied by the leading police officials of that place. The plaintiff, witness, Corey and Seraffio were arrested and lodged in jail. Seraffio was subsequently released.

The witness here digressed and said that the plaintiff was induced to leave St. John by an offer of employment in the United States. Taking up his adventures at Eastport witness said that Turner visited him in jail and in a very patronizing manner offered to get him free upon his signing an affidavit. Witness signed the affidavit but was not taken to jail. On the day following he and the plaintiff appeared before a tribunal and were ordered to be taken to Portland. Handcuffed they went to the island, Seraffio accompanying apparently a free man. Arriving at Portland they were lodged in jail and later brought before a court. Their movements were all directed by Turner. "Seraffio," said the witness, "was all the time strutting around dressed up sweller than the president of the United States."

It was noted that the witness began to suspect that Seraffio was not their friend and accordingly he became "foxy." A rumor was met that Seraffio that he "was going to appeal his case to the King of England," strengthened his suspicion and he was afterwards cautious in his own presence. They were taken before a court and pleaded guilty to the charge of smuggling an immigrant into the union. Pugsley was not charged with any offence but was used against them as a witness. They were remanded to jail and finally released sometime in September when they returned to St. John. The last they saw of the plaintiff was in the court room and subsequently Turner told them that the plaintiff was to be deported to the Old country.

While in Portland Turner quizzed witness about two immigrants whom he was suspected of having smuggled at an earlier date into the United States. The court here adjourned for recess. Attorney General Pugsley in opening the case emphasized the fact that the plaintiff was used by Turner and Seraffio as a mere tool. The plaintiff came to St. John from Antwerp in July, 1903, and could not then and cannot now converse in English. Hence, reasonably the attorney general, how easily was it for him to be used for an improper purpose. The attorney general continuing said that Seraffio represented himself to the plaintiff as an agent of a steamship line when in fact he was a United States detective. In order that Turner might know the plaintiff when he was to arrest him at Eastport the plaintiff was marched down King street in front of the Royal hotel where Turner was on the lookout. The plaintiff was taken from Portland to the prison on Ellis Island, New York, under the belief that he was returning to St. John, and subsequently was placed on the Anchor Liner Victoria and taken to Naples. The Greek consul there secured his liberty and in January, 1904, he returned to St. John and immediately set about to secure satisfaction.

The defendant, H. M. Turner, pleads not guilty to the charges. He avows that at the time of the arrest the plaintiff was a subject of the United

NORTH SEA INCIDENT.

Summary of Both Sides of the Case—Russia Disclaims Responsibility, But Offers To Make Reparation.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The International Commission, which is inquiring into the North Sea incident, yesterday heard the conclusion of the British and Russian agents upon the testimony presented. It was expected that the two agents would reach an agreement upon a number of points involved, but the pleadings showed that on the main issues they were not reconciled.

The British conclusion maintained that the testimony showed that no torpedo boats were present and that therefore the firing was unjustifiable, whereas the Russian conclusion held that the testimony showed that torpedo boats were present and that the firing was fully warranted. However the Russian statement closed with a declaration of profound regret that innocent lives had been sacrificed and announced the willingness of the Russian government to pay an indemnity to the survivors and families of the victims, leaving the amount and partition of the indemnity to the Hague Tribunal.

An incident occurred when the Russian agent, M. Nekidoff, pointed out that the British agent referred to the commission as a court, whereas the two governments had expressly agreed upon it being a commission of inquiry, not a court. Thereupon the British agent, Mr. Oberlin, withdrew the use of the word "court." The incident was taken to indicate the restricted nature of the commission's inquiry.

THE BRITISH CONTENTIONS. The British summary of facts is under four main heads: First—That no torpedo boats or torpedo boat destroyers were in the vicinity of the incident, as shown by the declarations of the fishing vessels of various governments that no torpedo boats belonged to their fleets were in that neighbor-

STUDENTS MUST PAY JAPAN AND RUSSIA

Steadily Strengthening Their Respective Navies. For Damage Done by a Tap Left Running.

(Special to the Star.) MONTREAL, Feb. 15.—Serious damage was done in the MacDonald Engineering Building, McGill University, by a tap left running. It is alleged, with deliberate intent, on the top floor all night. The water penetrated to second year drawing rooms underneath, and then through to the professors' offices on the floor below. The basement was also badly flooded. Many valuable scientific instruments of various governments that no torpedo boats belonged to their fleets were in that neighbor-

A SHIP CAPTAIN IN IRONS.

His Crew Mutinied in Order to Save Their Lives. William Griffiths arrived in Plymouth a prisoner on his own ship. Now he is under remand, charged with attempting to murder two members of his crew.

"The Tamar is a full-rigged ship, registered at London," said Ove Madson, the master, when Griffiths was brought before the magistrate. "On her way from Hamburg she left Cuxhaven on a Tuesday. At 6:30 on the same evening she was close on a light, which I found from the light book to be the Isle of Vierge, near Ushant. "When I asked the captain for the light book, he replied: 'Find it if you can, I can't.' When I did find it, the captain took the book from my hand and tore up part of it, saying: 'To what the book, with the ship, and with you.' "I suggested that he should back ship, but he replied: 'If you are going to do anything without my orders I will shoot you. I am master of this ship and if it goes on shore that will come on me.' "After being asked several times to back the vessel, he put his right hand in his pocket and pulled out a revolver. I was afraid to run away, as I might have been shot in the back. The captain fired at me, the shot passing close by my right ear. "To save the ship and the men's lives the captain was secured by myself, the second and third mates and some of the crew. It took a quarter of an hour to get hold of him and take the revolver out of his pocket. All the time he was threatening to shoot everybody. Having secured him, we put him in irons and locked him in the chart room. He had been drinking heavily and was somewhat delirious. "After firing at the mate, it is alleged, Griffiths shot at Albert Whitley, an able seaman, who was steering the ship into a safe course. For the second time he missed his mark.—London Mail.

CHINA RECOGNIZES

PEKIN, Feb. 15.—The Emperor of China has recently approved a memorial presented by the president of the board of revenue, advising the establishment of official parliaments, where matters of importance both foreign and domestic, can be discussed by the chief metropolitan officials, members of the Hainan College, the various boards of censors and the grand secretaries. This new council is not to hold discussions at regular intervals, but only when commanded by the emperor. Its consultations will be carried on by correspondence and not verbally. The formation of this new so-called parliament is regarded by the foreign community as entirely illusory, useless, but interesting, as an indication that China now recognizes the inadequacy of the existing government machinery.

POLICE COURT.

In the police court this morning one common drunk was fined four dollars. John McAvity was held up for fifteen dollars or given the option of going to jail for four months. McAvity was arrested last night at a late hour because he was going to tell the police of the questions that the magistrate says all citizens must answer if requested to do so by the police, after nine o'clock. McAvity not only refused to answer any questions, but informed the officers that they were certain unmentionable things. This was the reason for the extra penalty. McAvity is no stranger in the hotel where he has gone to board, having served several long sentences for drunkenness. He has also been charged with neglecting his wife and family.

STRONG FORTRESS AT KIEO CHOW,

To Be Built by the German Government.

To Protect Germany's Base in the Far East from Surprise by Sea.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—The budget committee of the Reichstag spent considerable time yesterday discussing the advisability of building a strong fortress at Kieo Chow. Herr von Tirpitz, secretary of the admiralty, explained that the appropriation of \$65,000 was merely for completing work already begun for barring the entrance to the harbor of Tsingtau, because it was necessary to protect Kieo Chow from surprise by sea. Herr Ebel (Socialist) said the exposed position of Kieo Chow presented a danger for the colony, but it would prove a very costly base for Germany in the Far East. Dr. Arendt (free Conservative) expressed the hope that the government would proceed with all energy to fortify Kieo Chow in order to give Germany's naval power an adequate point of support. Dr. Semler (National Liberal) advised the government to bring up a special bill for fortifying on a large scale. Secretary von Tirpitz declared that the government had no idea of making a second Fort Arthur of Tsingtau, but only asked the regular appropriation, which was then voted.

DEVLIN ELECTED.

Official Returns Give Him a Majority of 142.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—Contrary to expectation the outlying districts of Wright Co. are favoring the liberal candidate, Devlin. With four polling places yet to hear from, he has now a lead of 97. As the places whose figures have not yet been received gave liberal majorities last election, he is probably elected, though McDougall has not given up hope and will undoubtedly demand a recount.

THE CONSERVATIVES

Hold Their First Caucus at Ottawa This Morning.

(Special to the Star.) OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—The first caucus of Conservative members of this parliament under Mr. Borden's leadership was held this morning. Mr. Bergeron presided and a valuable two hours was devoted to discussion of the proposed organization of party on the lines laid down by Mr. Borden as one of the conditions under which he accepted the leadership.

SUSAN'S BIRTHDAY

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Today is the 85th birthday of Susan B. Anthony and for several days gifts and congratulations have been pouring in on the pioneer advocate of woman suffrage from all parts of the world. Mrs. Anthony is in excellent health and carries her years lightly.

Good housewifes or cooks can be quickly secured by the use of a Star Help Wanted advertisement.

Good Salt Pork, 8c. lb., \$14.50 by the barrel. A 50c. pail of JAM for 25c. GOOD BUTTER, 25c. a lb. retail, 15c. a lb. by the tub. A regular 40c. TEA for 29c. a lb. ORANGES, from 11c. per doz. up.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Increasing winds, snow to-night and Thursday. Synopsis—The temperature continues very low in Ontario and Quebec, but has risen in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba. Indications of a disturbance near Middle Atlantic coast. To Banks gales Thursday; to American ports, varied today, strong winds Thursday.

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