

Chatham, N. B., June 11—The session this morning of the New Brunswick and Prince Island conference of Methodist ministers was a very busy one...

St. John District: St. John City—Queen Square, Hammond Johnson, Gen. W. H. Barclay...

Fredericton District: Fredericton—Thomas Marshall, Marysville—Thomas Hicks, Gibson—C. Flemington...

Woodstock District: Woodstock—Richard Oplie, Canterbury—John B. Somers, Jacksonville—Geo. B. Gough...

Chatham District: Chatham—R. G. Fulton, Newcastle—Wm. Harrison, Tabusintac—To be supplied...

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DEATH AND RUIN IN PARIS STORM

Streets Cave in And Many Perish

Terrific Downpour of Rain Lasted Three Hours Streets Veritable Rivers and Many Sewers Bursted—Taxicab and Occupants Engulfed—Several People Under an Awning Carried Down to Death When Roadway Sank.

Paris, June 15—A thunderstorm of phenomenal violence raged over Paris for three hours this evening. It caused loss of life and enormous damage to property.

The most serious catastrophe occurred at the Place Saint Philippe Du Roule, at the junction of the Rue La Botie and the Faubourg Saint Honore.

Water spouted from the broken main and added to the torrents from the street, converted the whole district into a veritable river.

The quarter was immediately isolated and the prefect of the Seine with large detachments of police were hastily summoned.

Meanwhile the occupants of two large houses at the corner of Rue La Botie were ordered out of the buildings, as it was feared that the foundations might be undermined.

About the same time a large section of the road in the Place St. Augustin suddenly collapsed.

A large wagonette just missed the same fate, the hind wheels sinking deep in the soil, but the occupants made their escape.

Almost at the beginning of the storm, the roadway at the junction of the Rue Trochet, of the Rue Anber, and the Boulevard Haussmann, one of the busiest sections of Paris, disappeared, leaving an opening thirty feet long and fifteen feet wide.

The corn of the roadway, which continued slowly to subside. Suddenly a sheet of flame shot up to the housetops with a terrific detonation.

To Move Vote of Censure London, June 15—Lord Lansdowne, leader of the opposition in the house of lords, will move a vote of censure of the government in the upper chamber tomorrow for its delay in presenting the home rule amending bill.

Our Private City The Telegraph and Times have enough readers each day to make up the population of a good sized city.

They bring the news the people want to see. They come in an intimate, confidential way, from which naturally people turn to the advertising when they have a need to fill.

They have confidence in what our advertising does for us in a certain sense the sponsor. Any business with a legitimate proposition to present will find a respectful, prominent audience in our own private city.

The present population of this city is 29,271.

EMPRESS DISASTER INQUIRY OPENS TODAY

Great Legal Battle Expected Over Who Was Responsible

Expert Opinion Favors Storstad's Contentions That She Had The Right of Way And That C. P. R. Liner Was To Blame In Not Taking Precautions To Avoid The Collision—Big Array Of Counsel On Both Sides.

Quebec, June 15—With practically all the witnesses in town except the captain and crew of the Storstad, the stage is set for the great legal battle connected with the disaster, in which the C. P. R. liner Empress of Ireland and more than 1,000 souls went down to their doom.

The tables compiled by the city controller show the amount of money spent out of revenue and the proceeds of loans, special loans and land sales since the first board of control was elected.

It is understood that on both points the owners of the Storstad think they have a strong case. It is said their contention will be that when the Empress of Ireland and the Storstad collided, each other the latter was the starboard bow of the C. P. R. liner, and that therefore, according to the principles of navigation, it is the duty of the Storstad to keep out of the way.

It is also understood that the Empress of Ireland was on the starboard side, and therefore the onus of proof is likely to be on the Empress.

As for the charge that the Storstad drove away after the fatal accident, the opposing story will, in all likelihood, take the form of a denial.

Emphasis may also be laid on the fact that the Empress of Ireland was going down stream and the Empress of Ireland was on the starboard side.

The Storstad will be represented by C. A. Ducloux of Montreal. He will be assisted by J. W. Griffin and C. S. Hain of New York, both of whom are lawyers noted in United States admiralty practice and figured in the Titanic investigation.

The Empress of Ireland will be represented by the late Sir Richard Cartwright, of Quebec, and Arthur Fitzpatrick, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

The official list of C. P. R. counsel for the inquiry is: Butler Aspinall, K. C. of London (Eng.); E. W. Beatty, K. C. of London (Eng.); F. H. McLaughlin, K. C. of Montreal; A. R. Holden, K. C. of Montreal; The counsel for the master, engineers and officers were: Geoffrey K. C. of Montreal and A. C. M. Thomson, K. C. of Quebec.

Lord Mersey and the other commissioners and assessors, excepting Judge H. H. Lyman, arrived in St. John here this afternoon on the St. John Allan, the Montreal harbor commission's boat, which reached here between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The party were: Hon. Eschiel McLeod, judge of admiralty court, New Brunswick, who with Hon. Judge Routhier, of Quebec, is a member of the commission; Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries; Alexander Johnston, deputy minister, Commander Howe, consulting engineer for the Dominion Dredging Company, having the contract for No. 1 section of the Welland ship canal, in law of the tug Alice, espoused outside Port Dalhousie harbor just before 11 o'clock tonight and sank, while endeavoring to take shelter in Port Dalhousie harbor.

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WITNESSES GATHER FOR DUGAL PROBE

W. H. Berry Did Not Arrive

Deputy Surveyor General and Other Witnesses on Hand For Today

Premier Fleming Did Not Come In Last Night But is Expected At First Session—Mr. Dugal Will Be Present With Big Array Of Counsel—Some Of The Witnesses Who Will Appear—Mr. Berry's Doings In Boston.

The first session to hear testimony in the Dugal investigation is to be opened this morning in the court house at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Dugal and his counsel have done everything possible to bring the witness to court, and they feel that now it is up to his employers, Premier Fleming and the other members of the government, to produce him for examination.

Among those who were in the city yesterday in connection with the inquiry were the members of the royal commission, L. A. Dugal, M. P., F. B. Carvell, K. C., M. P., J. M. Stevens, K. C., and Peter Hughes, who will be associated with the charges are still hoped for by the king and Dr. W. B. Wallace as counsel for Mr. Dugal.

Mr. Dugal's counsel, John P. Burchill, D. J. Brankley, Lieut.-Col. T. G. Loggie, Deputy Surveyor-General E. C. Ford, of Woodstock, John S. Leighton, Jr., also of Woodstock, J. V. Jenot, of Bathurst, and T. J. Carver, of Amherst.

Yesterday some interesting details of the search for Mr. Berry became available. After he left St. Stephen on the day the royal commission was organized, it was learned that he had gone to Boston.

While in the United States Mr. Berry is beyond the jurisdiction of the Canadian authorities and cannot be compelled to return by legal process.

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MONTREAL SPENT \$100,000,000 IN FOUR YEARS (Canadian Press) Montreal, June 15—Within four years, from February, 1910, to April 1, 1914, the city of Montreal, represented by the old board of control, spent approximately \$100,000,000, according to a statistical report laid before the aldermen this morning by City Comptroller Pelletier.

STRATHCONA'S WILL PROBATED IN CANADA McGill the Chief Beneficiary in This Country Leaves Daughter \$2,500,000 and Residue of Estate—Stepson Gets \$125,000 and Lands in Pictou—Debits of Hon. Geo. E. Foster and Others to The Estate Wiped Out. (Canadian Press) Montreal, June 15—The will of the late Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, high commissioner for Canada, has been probated in Canada at Montreal, probate having been in England on March 19, 1914.

WILSON SCORES FLAG-FLAPPERS President Says the United States Will Not War for Territory But Will Maintain the Honor of the Country and Uphold Righteousness. (Canadian Press) Washington, June 15—Waving his hand toward an American flag hoisted by a squad of navy bluejackets, President Wilson told a great crowd assembled today before the White House, war and navy buildings to celebrate the day that, following a re-unioned nation, this banner for the future was "meant to stand for the just use of undisputed national power."

PLURAL VOTING BILL PASSES A SECOND TIME (Canadian Press) London, June 15—The plural voting bill passed its third reading in the house of commons tonight by a vote of 208 to 232.

SILVIA MAKES TERRIBLE VOW TO MELT ASQUITH Will Neither Eat Nor Drink Till He Grants Audience Militants Wildly Applaud Scathing Attack on the King—Slashers of Pictures Said to Get \$250 for Each One Destroyed—Invader of Buckingham Palace Freed. (Canadian Press) London, June 15—Sylvia Panikour, according to a statement made at a suffragette meeting at Exton Hall tonight, has undertaken a hunger and thirst strike, whether in or out of prison, until Premier Asquith consents to receive a suffragette deputation.

FAVOR ABOLISH THE BAR POLICY Laymen of Montreal Methodist Conference Endorse Ontario Liberal Leader's Stand—Motion to Adopt Church Union Proposal. (Canadian Press) Montreal, June 15—Ontario politics came to the fore at the meeting of the Laymen's Association of the Montreal Methodist Conference this evening, and for awhile the discussion bore a striking resemblance to that which might occur at a political meeting in Ontario just at present.

MONTREAL MAN LOST IN EMPRESS LEFT \$400,000 H. H. Lyman, Who Perished With His Wife, Bequeathed Large Sums to Charitable Institutions. Montreal, June 15—The will of Henry Herbert Lyman, of Montreal, who, with his wife, perished in the Empress of Ireland disaster, has been filed for probate. The estate is valued at \$400,000.

NEWFOUNDLAND SEALERS' FUND IS \$275,000 St. John's, Nfld., June 15—The fund for the relief of the sufferers by the sailing disaster last March closed today. The total is \$275,000.

LIPTON'S NEW SHAMROCK BEATS OLD ONE EASILY Southampton, June 15—Shamrock IV, challenger for the America Cup, and the older Shamrock, went out for three hours yesterday when Sir Thomas Lipton's new yacht was put through a succession of tests, in all of which the demonstrated marked superiority.

BRITAIN SENDS WARSHIP TO GUARD FRANCE WILLIAM London, June 15—Great Britain has ordered a warship to proceed at once to Durazzo to insure the safety of Prince William and his family. The other powers are also sending warships.

TURKS MAKE NO REPLY TO GRECIAN ULTIMATUM London, June 15—The Turkish government has not yet replied to the Greek ultimatum demanding the cessation of the persecution of the Greeks in Turkey and reparation for the injury caused to them and their interests, and it is expected that Turkey will ignore the demand or refuse to comply with it.

PRaises Wilson London, June 15—The London morning papers extend congratulations to President Wilson on the signing of the Panama tolls exemption bill.

NINETEEN DROWNED St. Petersburg, June 15—Thirteen persons were drowned today by the capsizing of a ferry while crossing the River Dnieper. Six Russians were drowned while swimming their horses across the river.