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CONTEST SEEMS CERTAIN IN NORTHUMBERLAND

Disgruntled Conservatives Likely to Nominate Candidate

Stalwarts View With Disfavor Hazen's Endorsation of Ernest Hutchinson---Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria Both Prevalent in Chatham Now, and Great Alarm Exists—All Public Places Closed Except the Bars.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Chatham, N. B., Nov. 16.—The meeting of presidents of the Conservative district associations called by T. W. Butler, county secretary, to meet at Newcastle tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock will have some knotty problems to discuss.

This action has been taken by Mr. Butler as a protest against the endorsation of Ernest Hutchinson as a Hazen candidate. In his letter to the presidents Mr. Butler says the situation looks like the same old story of a Northumberland deal and the people are being deprived of their vote.

In the event of a candidate being chosen tomorrow, John Betts, of Millerton, may be the man. Betts is a dyed-in-the-wool Conservative and would not be acceptable to the Liberals who supported the winning ticket last March. A three-cornered fight with the prospects favoring the straight Liberal candidate may yet develop. Flushed with the triumphs of the great victory achieved by Loggie the Liberals are thinking seriously of entering the lists and it would not be hard to dispose of Messrs. Hutchinson and Betts.

That the government party are hopelessly divided is shown by Mr. Butler's letter and the attitude of the World, that staunch Conservative paper, which accuses Hon. Mr. Morrissy with endorsing Hutchinson regardless of the verdict of the people or else having accepted the lumber candidate because he was afraid of him.

A prominent Conservative who has been offered the nomination informed your correspondent today that Hutchinson would be opposed. The result of the meeting tomorrow will be awaited with considerable interest.

That the vindictive spirit displayed by the Hazen government was injuring the lumber business on the Miramichi is the opinion expressed by one of the largest dependent operators here. "They are small," he said, "that, actually, operators who are not in sympathy with them not care about going into the woods. Strikes occur frequently and there is no doubt the government would show no mercy in prosecuting for any slight technical violation of the law. They have no policy and there seems little chance of there ever being one. Not a man in the surveyor general's department has the least knowledge of lumber conditions but it is sincerely hoped that members of the government will realize, after a while, that they have something to do besides hunting down those who opposed them in the late campaign."

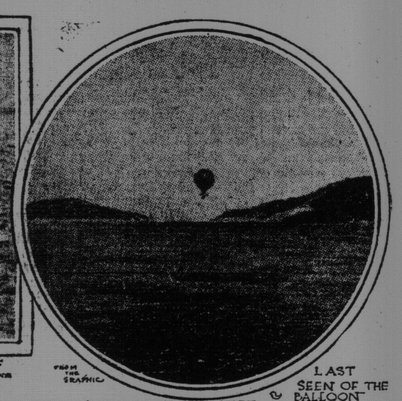
Health Conditions Worse.

Health conditions here are about as bad as can be. Three scarlet fever cases developed on Sunday and two diphtheria patients are also under quarantine. There was no church meeting of any kind on Sunday. Temperance people have represented to the board of health that the bars be closed, taking advantage of the quarantine to enforce prohibition where the Scott Act has failed. The deaths from scarlet fever last week included Margaret Stickler, aged three; Jack McNeeley, aged two, and Geraldine Buckley, aged three. The latter is the daughter of John A. Buckely of Henderson street, who has lost three of his six children in the present epidemic. One of the diphtheria patients is the child of William Moran, who has nine children. Rev. G. F. Dawson's little girl is suffering from scarlet fever. There are seven children in this house. David Cameron is seriously ill with typhoid. Janie Pettley, aged seventeen, died on Saturday very suddenly. She was on the street on Wednesday in robust health. Though taken with internal trouble she was not thought to be seriously ill until about an hour before she died. The funeral was held today and largely attended.

Perfect weather today succeeded the fearful storm of yesterday after two inches of snow fell in the morning rain began and wiped off every sign of the beautiful. The wind was frightful and some minor damage is reported. The ferry boat Sybilla H. broke loose and drifted down river until she struck Fire Island. It is thought another week will see the closing of the navigation on the Miramichi. The steamer Alexander has abandoned her trips to Escuminac.

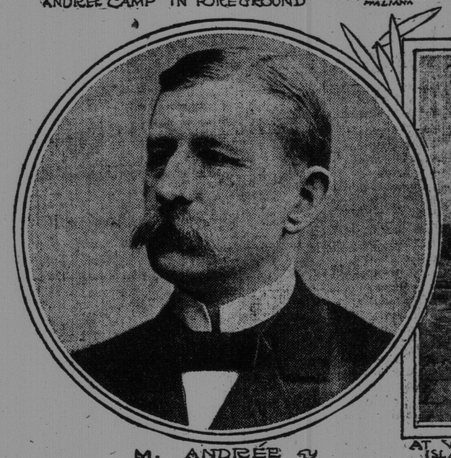
LONG-MISSING EXPLORER AND HIS BALLOON.

WELLMANN CAMP, DANES ISLAND; RUINS OF ANDREE CAMP IN FOREGROUND



LAST SEEN OF THE BALLOON

FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE START



M. ANDREE

AT WORK ON THE ANDREE BALLOON AT DANES ISLAND JUST BEFORE THE START

Stockholm, Nov, 15.—Doubt is cast by Swedish experts on the authenticity of a report that has been received at Copenhagen stating that the remains of Mr. S. A. Andree, the French traveller who attempted to reach the North Pole in a balloon in 1897, had been found on the coast of Labrador.

The supposed finding of Andree's body is related in a letter from the captain of the Danish steamship Inga, dated September 30, from Labrador. It says that a half caste Eskimo, Captain Shalker, who took part in the landing of the Peary expedition in Greenland, during a trip on the Labrador coast came on a cross on which was carved the word "Andree," beneath which was a human body and a case containing letters.

Chalker is captain of an American schooner, the Pelops, which arrived at Indian Side, Labrador, from Cape Mugford, Northern Labrador.

FOREIGN LEGATION AT PEKIN HEAVILY GUARDED

Great Mistrust Among Chinese Populace and Uprising Feared

Heavy Runs on the Banks and Many Forced to Close Their Doors—Rumors of Suicides of Important Personages Denied—New Regent Expected to Take Firm Grip on Situation.

Pekin, Nov. 16.—China is beginning to realize that the emperor and the dowager empress are dead. The Chinese had been so accustomed to look upon the dowager as the one person dominating all, that the announcement of her death caused but little change in their unemotional natures and easy-going ways during the early hours of the ceremonies attending her passing, but today there has come a marked change. Prince Chun, the regent of the empire, in fear of the increasing excitement and revolutionary movements, has taken a firm grip on affairs, and has adopted stringent measures that will result in the maintenance of peace for a time at least.

At noon 1,000 gendarmes guarded the streets and other military forces were held in readiness for any eventuality. Every precaution was taken to prevent a recurrence of the revolutionary tactics of last April and May, which were marked by widespread incendiarism. The foreign legations are under guard, special detachments of Chinese troops keeping watch at the approaches and in some cases the regular legation guard was augmented by reinforcements from other places.

The statement was made, however, at the legations, that there was no fear that the Chinese government would be unable to afford ample protection, but those within the legations were more alert than usual and seemingly anxious to have set at rest the doubts arising from the swift movement of events in the last few days.

There were many occurrences today to add to the sinister aspect of affairs. Rumors were current for a time that the dowager Yehonala and Yuan Shi-Kai, the grand councillor and one of the most powerful men in the empire had committed suicide. Though there was no truth in these reports, they went far towards creating alarm.

Serious runs on banks occurred yesterday and today, and fourteen native banks closed. The crowds were wild with excitement and toward the close of the day the police intervened and drove them back. One foreign bank, the Yokohama Specie Bank, suffered a big run on its Tien Tsin notes, but the British, Russian and German banks were not affected. It is probable that tomorrow a number of other native banks will be closed, and it is believed that the government will step in in an endeavor to stop the financial panic among the poorer classes.

The representatives of several of the foreign powers sent their personal condolences to the foreign board on the death of the emperor and dowager empress and early this morning the foreign board gave official notification of the dowager's death at the legations. To this a reply was sent by the various ministers and the Chinese government feels that this is tantamount to recognition of the new regime.

SWIFT JUSTICE FOR SELF-CONFESSED THIEF OF $1,000,000

Peter Van Vlissengen, of Chicago, Given 14 Years

Culprit Went to District Attorney, Told of His Stealings, and Asked to Be Punished, and it Was Promptly Done.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 16.—Peter Van Vlissingen, for many years one of Chicago's most prominent real estate dealers, has misappropriated nearly a million dollars, according to a statement issued today by Assistant States Attorney Barbour. This information, Mr. Barbour stated, had been brought to him by Mr. Van Vlissingen in person, with a request that the grand jury, then in session, take action. The specific instance cited to the jury concerned the alleged misappropriation of $4,500.

In making his announcement, Mr. Barbour said:

"Peter Van Vlissingen, the well known estate dealer, has misappropriated nearly $1,000,000. He tells me himself that it will amount to $750,000. I am now going before the grand jury to obtain an indictment against him for forging a note for $4,500."

Van Vlissingen was speedily indicted, pleaded guilty before Judge Windes and was sentenced to serve 14 years in the penitentiary.

HOW MRS. GUNNESS FOOLED RELATIVES OF HER VICTIMS

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 16.—Prosecutor Smith, in the case of Ray Lamphere, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Belle Gunness and her three children today, gave interest to the proceedings when A. K. Helgelein, of Aberdeen, S.D., was on the stand, by offering in evidence and reading to the jury copies of three letters written by Mrs. Gunness to the witness during last March and April, making references to "that crazy Lamphere."

These letters portray the methods employed by the murderess in allaying the suspicions of the relatives of persons whom she had murdered. Even with Andrew Helgelein lying dismembered in her private burying ground, she was asking his brother, Asle K. Helegelein, to come to Laporte to investigate and bring plenty of money with him.

A. K. Helgelein, the star witness today, told of his anxiety over the disappearance of his brother, and in reply to the first letter of inquiry to Mrs. Gunness, he received an answer which did not allay his suspicions, so he wrote again to Mrs Gunness, receiving three replies.

RESTIGOUCHE A POOR PLACE FOR CRIMINALS

Eight Sentenced to Dorchester in Past Six Months, None Being a Native of the County.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Campbellton, N. B., Nov. 16.—It seems that the county of Restigouche has become an abode for criminals of late, it contributing a large list during the present year. Sheriff Stewart, of Dalhousie, was in town today and stated that since he assumed office on June 1 of the present year he has taken no less than eight criminals to the maritime penitentiary at Dorchester, but not one was a native of the county. Most of the sentences imposed were for theft..

A young man named Morris Higgins, whose home is in Charlottetown, P. E. I., died at the Hotel-Dieu Hospital here on Saturday afternoon, with typhoid fever. Higgins had been employed for some time on the Intercolonial Railway and was about 35 years of age. He has a brother, Richard, who was also employed on the International a short time ago but he has since left there. The funeral took place today to Lady of Snows Cemetery, Rev. Father Wallace conducting the services.

The Caledonia Society of Restigouche held its annual meeting last night, a large number of members being in attendance. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President A. E. G. McKenzie; vice-president, James Jardine; treasurer, Harry McLellan; secretary, Harry Miller; chaplain, D. F. Graham; marshal, Allan Wheeler. The society decided to have a supper on the evening of St. Andrew's Day and a ball on the evening of Burns' Anniversary.

THOMAS LAWLESS CHOSEN SUPREME TREASURER I. O. F.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Toronto, Nov. 16.—Thomas Lawless has been appointed supreme treasurer of the Independent Order of Foresters, the position vacated by the death of Harry A. Collins. Mr. Lawless has been assistant supreme chief ranger for several years.

MONCTON DEFEATS CHATHAM AT BASKET BALL

Moncton, N. B., Nov. 16 (Special).—Moncton Y. M. C. A. basket ball team defeated Chatham Y. M. C. A. this evening here in a fast game by a score of 32 to 10. The home team proved the faster team, excelling in accurate throwing and passing. J. D. McBeath was the star of the Moncton team while Matthews played much the best game for the visitors.

P. E. ISLAND ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE TUESDAY

Expected to Be Lively Contest--Tunnel the Chief Issue.

I. C. R. Officials Make Record Run on Narrow Guage Road on Inspection Trip -- Schr. N. R. Dow With Sails Blown Away at Charlottetown.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 16.—A special train conveying M. J. Butler, deputy minister of railways; D. Pottinger, general manager; E. Tiffin, general traffic manager; Engr. W. B. McKenzie and E. A. Wallberg, contractor, on their inspection of the new breakwater went to Souris this morning and left on return at 1.15 p.m., arriving in this city about 3 o'clock, making the distance of sixty miles in one hour and three-quarters on the narrow gauge track. This is a record breaker for the narrow gauge. The train was in charge of Conductor Stetson and Herb Love, engineer. Perfect satisfaction was given in the magnificent new station round house and freight sheds, which are among the best in the Dominion.

The P. E. Island elections will be held on November 18 and will be an extremely lively contest. The premier has issued a programme upon which he bases his appeal for a renewal of the confidence of the people and in which are comprised several demands on the dominion government. Probably the most important of these is for the construction of the tunnel under the straits of Northumberland.

Schooner N. R. Dow, bound from Pictou to Richibucto, put into Summerside harbor for shelter with bare poles, having lost all but one jib in fight with storm. The Halifax tug, Grace, bound westward, put into Charlottetown for shelter.

HALIFAX BUILDERS WILL NOT GRANT EIGHT-HOUR DAY

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 16.—The Master Builders of Halifax met this afternoon and decided that for the ensuing year they would maintain a nine-hour day. The labor unions have been asking for eight and on the new science college building which is being erected for the Nova Scotia government an eight-hour day prevails. Notwithstanding this the master builders say they are determined to stick to one another for nine hours this year.

MRS. RICHMOND'S FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

Sussex, N. B., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—The funeral of the late Mrs. Richmond was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock and was largely attended. At the service held at the home her favorite hymns were sung by her request, "Abide With Me" and "Now the Laborer's Task Is Over." The pall bearers were Judge A. S. White, Major O. R. Arnold, H. A. White, Ald. C. H. Perry, W. H. Culbert and George D. Ban. Among the floral offerings were a cross of white roses from brother and sister; cut flowers, Miss Alice White; crescent, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Davis; cut flowers, Mrs. Dunlop.

TWO MEN ELECTROCUTED IN POWER HOUSE

One Killed by Live Wire and the Other in Trying to Pull Body Away.

Warren, R. I., Nov. 16.—In working among a number of high power electric wires at the power station of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at Brayton, William Quan, who was at work on a ladder, accidentally touched a live wire with his head, completing a circuit and was instantly electrocuted. Fred Foss, who tried to pull Quan's body away from the wire was also electrocuted. Quan, who was thirty-five years old, resided in Fall River, where he leaves a widow and four children. Foss lived in this town and was about twenty-eight years of age and unmarried.

STEAMER AND BARK ASHORE AND BOTH TOTAL WRECKS

The King Edward Ran on Island of Anticosti and the Signi Grounded Opposite Cape Chat on North Shore

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Nov. 16.—S. S. "King Edward," plying between Quebec and the North Shore, ran aground at English Bay during a gale this morning. According to a report received to the shipping federation office at noon today from Moss Point signal service station on the northeast corner of the Island of Anticosti, and which is only a mile and a half from English Bay, states that all the crew and passengers have been taken ashore in life boats, but it is feared that the vessel is doomed. The King Edward is owned by Holliday Bros. of Quebec and is used as a passenger and cargo boat between that city and the North Shore.

Bark Ashore.

Quebec, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Norwegian steel bark "Signi" is reported ashore at Point Des Monts on the North Shore, opposite Cape Chat. The Signi, which carried a crew of twenty men, left Riviere DuLoup a few days ago, bound for Buenos Ayres with a cargo of lumber. She is reported to be a total wreck. Arrangements are being made to bring the shipwrecked crew to Quebec.

COLLIERY CAGE FALLS 285 FEET; SIX MEN KILLED

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 16.—Six men were killed in an accident at Ellsworth coal mine number 1, in Washington county late today. Because of a break in the machinery, a cage, occupied by ten men, several of whom were mine officials, plunged from near the outlet to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 285 feet. Three of the occupants of the cage were unhurt, while the lives of six were instantly lost and one miner was dangerously injured.

TWO MURDERERS ESCAPE GALLOWS

Clemency Allowed "Crooked Neck" Smith, and Nicoli, an Italian

Hindu Delegates Recommend Vancouver Compatriots Removing to British Honduras.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—A cabinet council was held this afternoon, when, among other matters, was considered the report of the minister of justice in the cases of the two condemned murderers in Montreal, "Crooked Neck" Smith and an Italian named Nicoli. Executive clemency was allowed in each case.

Justice Cassells will take a short holiday before resuming the marine enquiry. It is expected that the investigation will be finished by the end of January.

Hon. Mr. Aylesworth denies that he is going to Vienna for further treatment.

The Hindu delegates who went to British Honduras will report to their compatriots in Vancouver in favor of removing to that colony.

FIND "CHICK" STAHL'S WIDOW DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES

Boston, Mass., Nov. 16.—After an autopsy and nearly 24 hours of investigation, the local police announced today that they were satisfied that Mrs. Charles W. (Chick) Stahl, the widow of the late Boston American baseball captain, whose body was found in a doorway of a house in South Boston, some distance from her home, died from natural causes and that she had not been robbed of any jewelry, either before or after death. When the body was discovered last night, the family of the woman declared that she was in the habit of wearing several thousand dollars' worth of rings and diamonds. Only her wedding ring was found on the body. Today, however, the police learned that lately Mrs. Stahl had worn very little jewelry. The body was sent back to the home of Mrs. Stahl's parents.

"Chick" Stahl committed suicide four months after his marriage, two years ago, while the Boston American team was on its spring practice trip.

JAMAICA PRINTERS WILL STRIKE IF WAGES ARE NOT DOUBLED

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 16.—Eighty per cent. of all the men employed in the printing trades here gave notice today that they would go out on strike on November 30 because their employers have refused to pay the American union scale of wages. This rate is double the rate now paid in Jamaica. The cost of living is less than half what it is in America.

MONCTON WOMAN HAS MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Mrs. W. A. Warman Fell Down Cellar With Lighted Lamp and Only Broke Collarbone—Boom in Real Estate.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Moncton, N. B., Nov. 16.—Mrs. Warman, wife of Councillor W. A. Warman, fell down a cellar this evening breaking her collar bone. Her escape from death was miraculous. She had a lamp in her hand at the time but while it was broken into fragments it fortunately did not explode.

Quite a number of Fredericton men have been investing in Moncton real estate of late. A number of purchases have recently been made in the vicinity of the new shops and several persons are negotiating for building lots. Among those investing are William Stone, who has just completed a large double tenement house, John Kilburn, Herbert Gunter, Mr. Jennett and others.

DR. COMEAU WRITES ON THE CARAQUET DIPHTHERIA OUTBREAK

Caraquet, N. B., Nov. 16.

To the Editor of The Telegraph:

Sir:—In regard to a telegram that appeared in The Daily Telegraph dated the 12th instant, in which Dr. E. B. Fisher stated that the first notice he had of the outbreak of diphtheria in Caraquet was on the 11th instant. I must say that the first patient that came under my treatment was on August 26. I then wired Dr. J. C. Meahan, chairman of the local board of health, for anti-toxin and reported the case on the 27th. He sent me one box, saying that it was all he could get in Bathurst. A few days afterwards I wrote Dr. E. B. Fisher informing him of the epidemic and asking him to forward anti-toxin. Dr. Fisher did not answer my letter but the result was that Dr. Meahan sent me six boxes a few days after. Until the 13th instant I had to fight the disease alone and use my own anti-toxin, as the local board of health did not want to take any action.

F. X. COMEAU, M.D.

DR. FISHER HAS HAD NO WORD

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 16 (Special).—Up to this evening Dr. Fisher, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, says he has received no information or report from the local board of health, respecting the Caraquet diphtheria outbreak, although he has written, telegraphed and telephoned.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNIONS SPLIT

New York, Nov. 16.—The Amateur Athletic Union today declined to recognize the disqualification of J. C. Carpenter by the Amateur Athletic Association of Great Britain, which occurred after the Olympic games.

The Union also declared that athletes registered with the union shall not be allowed to compete in international competitions unless the management of the events is approved by the Amateur Athletic Union of America.

James E. Sullivan was re-elected president of the A.A.U. for his third term.

LABOR FEDERATION DISCUSSES PLAN OF CONCEALING FUNDS

Fear They May Be Attached as Outcome of Contempt Cases

Gompers Declares He Will Go to Jail Before He Will Pay a Fine; Many Favor Forming New Political Party.

Denver Colo., Nov. 16.—President Samuel Gompers, at the afternoon session today, of the convention of the American Federation of Labor, declared that if he were found guilty and fined in the contempt proceedings against him at Washington, he would go to jail before he would pay his fine, or before he would allow the federation to pay any for him. This statement was made by Mr. Gompers during the discussion of the report of the committee on the treasurer's report. The committee recommended that immediately following the adjournment of the convention, the executive committee shall take up the proposition of placing its funds where they may be removed from danger of attachment.

The report brought out a political discussion in which several members declared themselves in favor of the formation of an independent political party.

Treasurer John B. Lennon said he had discussed the matter of safe-guarding the funds with good attorneys and they all agree that it was impossible without resulting at some time in perjury by some person. Several suggestions were made from the floor, one being that the funds be deposited in Canada and another that certificates of deposit be taken out in some other name than the treasurer.

D. G. Ramsey, of the Electrical Workers, was applauded when he declared: "We had a chance to place out funds beyond the reach of those who would take them, but we let it pass on November 3. The only way to protect out money is to change the laws."

Mr. Gompers warned the delegates that if a way were found to hide the funds, the courts would hereafter appoint a receiver, not necessarily to secure in some way the hidden funds, but to get the money being contributed.

By request, Mr. Gompers explained the status of the Danbury Hat case, during which he said:

"Under the Sherman anti-trust law, honest business cannot be conducted, much less honest straightforward labor organizations."

Max Hayes, of Cleveland, suggested the formation of a labor party. He criticized the Democratic platform in regard to that portion which says:

"We yield to none in our respect to the courts."

Mr. Hayes declared that he had no respect for the courts.

SCARLET FEVER INVADES RIVERSIDE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Riverside, Albert County, Nov. 16.—Scarlet fever has broken out in consolidated school at this place. A number of pupils are down with the disease. Two houses at Riverside were quarantined today by the board of health.

BELL HARDY, HEAD OF C. P. MACHINISTS, RESIGNS

Calgary, Nov. 16.—Bell Hardy has resigned from the Mechanics' Union, following the investigations by the committee into the terms of the strike settlement and publication of strictures on officials who conducted the recent strike.