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SEIZURE OF PARTRIDGES IN MONTREAL

Quebec Fish and Game Protective Officials Made Big Haul in Storehouse of a Montreal Firm.

BIRDS TO GO TO MONTREAL POOR.

Montreal, Feb. 26.—After months of effort the Police of Quebec Association for the Protection of Fish and Game scored a signal triumph today when Secretary Innes and Chief Game Inspector Griffiths raided the storehouse of G. Langlois and Company, and after a search in the extensive cellars, found and confiscated 1,250 dead partridge, weighing almost a ton. The seizure is a serious matter for the company as it involved a fine of \$1 per bird, the amount to be divided equally between the government and the association. The birds will probably be distributed among the poor of the city and various charities.

Mr. Innes said the seizure was only one of several planned. The association has known for long that the illegal disposition of partridges was being made in this city, but although for the past two months every man available has been attempting to trace down those responsible for the traffic, it had until today nothing material to show for its efforts. Secretary Innes stated tonight that the association had spent well over a thousand dollars in its efforts to locate those at the head of the illegal selling of partridges.

So extensive was the traffic and so completely did the guilty parties cover their tracks that the association had become a butt for its inability to get after the traffic which was rapidly depleting the province of partridges.

In fact so daring had the traffickers become that Quebec partridges were largely exported to New York and Chicago.

Mr. Innes said tonight that Mr. Gunn had declared that a large number of birds were being kept by him in cold storage for friends, but even so, according to the "game law" he allows no option but the fine and he intends to go after the penalty to the limit.

PETTY BURGLARY AT CAMPBELLTON--ARREST IS MADE

Herbert Mayor Held by Police in Connection with Last of Series of Crimes--Removed Merchandise.

Special to The Standard. Campbellton, Feb. 26.—Still another petty burglary occurred Saturday. The store of W. H. Miller was again entered and goods consisting of men's socks, yarn, and tobacco were taken. The thief entered the building from the rear and rummaged the till, but found no money. Disappointed in this he seized an armful of the articles above mentioned and made his exit by the road he had entered, and thence to the railway tracks, in the same manner adopted by the thief that entered this store a short time ago.

There is good reason for thinking the same party planned and executed the two jobs. The same break was made about three weeks ago at noon while the clerk was at dinner. Saturday the entry was made at supper time.

Tonight Herbert Mayo was arrested by Chief Hughes for the offence.

UNCLE SAM WILL BE OUTSTRIPPED IN NAVAL MATTERS

Japan Will Wrest Portion of Naval Power from Republic if Two Ships are Not Built Annually.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Japan by 1916 will have wrested the position of third naval power from the United States, and the country will have difficulty in maintaining itself in fourth place unless it builds two battleships a year.

Secretary Mayer declared this to be a fact in his testimony today before the House naval affairs committee. The secretary urged greater liberality by Congress in dealing with the naval establishment.

Mr. Mayer asked also for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to establish a globe-gridding wireless system, by which United States warships could keep in constant touch with Washington, with their bases and with each other.

CLEAR DECK FOR ACTION

Friends of Roosevelt Plan Organized Campaign, But Former President Remains Inactive for Present.

Boston, Feb. 26.—"We're in the fight, that's all," said Col. Theodore Roosevelt today. It was his only comment upon his statement issued yesterday that he would accept the Presidential nomination if offered to him.

With Col. Roosevelt squarely on record, the active work of setting together a Roosevelt organization was begun here today. The Colonel had an early breakfast and was soon hard at work. Telegrams from many parts of the country poured in and many men active in politics in New England went to see him at the home of Judge Robert Grant, with whom he was staying.

Col. Roosevelt was urged to roll up his sleeves and throw himself into the fray. He let it be known, however, that for the present at least he intended to do little, preferring to await indications of the effect of his announcement.

When questioned as to plans for the campaign Mr. Roosevelt said that he was taking no active steps at present. He said, however, that whether or not he embarked upon a speaking campaign he would reiterate time after time, his belief in the political principles which he set forth in his speech at Columbus, Ohio. It is upon this platform that the Roosevelt campaign is to be fought.

MINERS WILL SEE ASQUITH

Efforts of British Government to Avert Coal Strike Throughout United Kingdom Reaches Critical Stage.

London, Feb. 26.—On the eve of the resumption of the conference between Premier Asquith and other cabinet ministers and the miners' representatives, this morning had most critical stage of the government's efforts to avert a coal strike throughout the United Kingdom, the nation is kept practically in the dark as to what has been accomplished in the direction of securing peace since the negotiations opened on Feb. 22. On that date the miners' delegates informed the premier that they were powerless to agree to anything, or to assume any responsibility until authorization had been obtained from the miners' federation which meets tomorrow in London.

As a consequence, the subsequent conferences have been with the coal owners alone.

It was announced tonight, however, that the executive of the miners' federation had decided to recommend to the conference the acceptance of the Premier's invitation to meet him and his colleagues and discuss the situation. This invitation was extended to the miners' representatives on Feb. 22 by the Premier, who asked that a committee be appointed from the national federation to consider the whole subject of the controversy with the cabinet ministers.

The conference today lasted two hours but conforming to the rule, which had been rigidly observed with respect to all previous meetings, the official report given out contained not the slightest hint as to what transpired. In the meantime, the strike was actually begun.

A few thousand miners employed in the Derbyshire district ceased work at noon. Tomorrow several thousand more notices expire and it is not likely that the miners will consent to work until Thursday night, the date fixed for the general strike. On Wednesday 100,000 miners can desert the pits on notices already handed in.

One hopeful feature of the crisis is the absence of indications of violence on the part of the responsible leaders of the men. No objections have been raised to the employers securing the necessary labor to keep the pits open during the strike. Even in South Wales, where the controversy has been the bitterest, this arrangement has been made, and the South Wales Miners' Federation issued an appeal tonight to the men not to go to the colliery premises, and to abstain from doing damage in event of a strike.

CHAUFFEUR DIES IN AUTOMOBILE ON AN ELEVATOR

New York, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Seated at the wheel of a touring car which was being lifted by an elevator from the basement to the main floor of an uptown garage, Jean Page, a chauffeur, was crushed to death this afternoon against the basement ceiling. Page was alone on the elevator when he met his death, and it is believed that his automobile started forward while the elevator was between the floors. The automobile was demolished.

John Prentice, the elevator operator, was locked up on a charge of criminal negligence in connection with Page's death.

COURTESY BAY WORK WILL BE UNDER WAY BY APRIL 1st

SAYS NORTON-GRIFFITHS MAN

St. John Will Become Canada's Greatest Port With Few Rivals in United States Is Opinion of Engineer Who Will Start Operations

P. R. Warren, Chief Engineer of Norton-Griffiths Company, Came to City Yesterday to Decide Definitely on Site for Dry Dock—Will Assemble Plant at Once and Start on Breakwater April 1st

P. R. Warren, chief engineer of the Norton Griffiths Company, who will carry out the development work at Courtesy Bay, arrived in the city yesterday morning. When asked by The Standard last evening when the work will be commenced, he said: "In April you can expect to see us launched into the construction of the breakwater, the necessary preliminary work in connection with the development. Once started things will move rapidly and before this year is out the work will be well advanced. For the first year's work I expect we shall have at least 500 men employed, all of whom will be needed to rush the work along. When the whole scheme of development shall have been carried out St. John will be the greatest port in Canada, and I believe, second to few, if any, in America."

The first thing to be done Mr. Warren said will be the assembling of the plant for dredging, as well as gathering the necessary materials. The work of assembling the plant will begin immediately so that by the first of April all will be in readiness for undertaking the real work of construction of the breakwater. Preliminary to the construction of the breakwater considerable excavation and removal of rock will be necessary. To do this the company intend having built a new dredge of the largest and most powerful type. The construction of the dredge will require several months, but in the meantime the work will be carried along with the other smaller dredges which will be employed.

Yesterday Mr. Warren visited the scene of the operations. His purpose in coming to the city, besides making the preliminary arrangements for the work, was, he said, to look over the ground around Courtesy Bay with a view to settling definitely on the location which will be the most suitable for the erection of the dry dock. He pointed out that while according to the terms of the contract his company was held to erect the dry dock, the choice of the exact location of it rests with them, and although quite familiar with the conditions in that vicinity, he visited Courtesy Bay to again look over the ground so as to find out what would be the most suitable site. He said that he had not formed a decision last evening, and that it might be that instead of locating the dry dock in front of the Municipal Hotel it might eventually be erected nearer the head of the bay, but this would not be definitely determined until he returns to Montreal.

Whatever the location of the dry dock, Mr. Warren stated that when completed it will be one of the finest in the world. Thoroughly equipped it will be adequate to handle the largest ships of all types.

"In April," Mr. Warren said, "we expect to have buildings going, and Courtesy Bay station should be a busy place from that on. Of course the first work to be undertaken must necessarily be the construction of a breakwater which will be a protection area. To do this work we will begin immediately to assemble the plant, and with the new monster dredge which we are having built should have made good the end of way towards completion by the end of the year. To rush this work along we will have to employ about 500 men and they will be kept busy. As the

work progresses and the construction of the other parts of the scheme such as the dry dock, wharves, etc., is undertaken this force of men will have to be augmented accordingly, and when the second year of the work shall have been reached about 2000 workmen will be needed. Already I have had applications from persons offering to supply labor."

"Undoubtedly," when everything is completed you will have here Canada's greatest port and St. John should become the shipping centre of the Dominion. Nowhere could be found a more ideal place for the development work which is about to be undertaken, and with the advent of the new railways, St. John's future should be a bright one."

The Ship Repair Plant. As regards the ship repairing plant in connection with the other development, Mr. Warren said that he sees in this immense possibilities for St. John. According to the plans to be followed the plant will be erected on a large scale and up to date, equipped with the most powerful of modern machinery so that the largest ships such as those which ply between the Old Country and New York can be handled with ease. When ready for operation, he said, he believes there will be no dearth of work that will have to be done here, and plenty of occupation will be provided in this department.

"What about a shipbuilding plant," he was asked. "Are we going to have that too, along with the other Courtesy Bay work?" In reply Mr. Warren said that he anticipated that by the time the work shall have been completed there will be a ship building plant. "The time is bound to come when Canada must build her own ships, and if we don't build the shipbuilding plant, I feel that there will be more than one company from the other side of the ocean anxious to erect a plant here."

The Boom. Speaking of the present boom he said that he had heard a great deal of talk during the past few weeks regarding St. John, and that great interest was being shown regarding the city throughout the upper provinces. In Montreal especially the news of the boom has taken a strong hold, and St. John's prospects are among the current topics discussed there, the consensus of opinion being that this city's future is going to be a bright one. The large real estate companies are showing considerable interest in this section of the Dominion. "It is not an uncommon occurrence," he said, "to have some one enter your office during the day and start to talk St. John. Why some of them even produce blue prints of the city and surround them with the city and the capitalists of Montreal are impressed, he said, with the opportunities which St. John affords, and he expressed the opinion that the future several new industries will find their way to the city in a few weeks to settle the final details preparatory to the work of starting on the construction of the breakwater."

D. W. Moore as engineer. Neither of these men can tell whether Mrs. Tufts fell in front of the engine or if she slipped and rolled under the train while it was passing her. When seen at her home in Carleton last evening the little daughter of the unfortunate woman told a Standard reporter that her mother had left the house just a few minutes before on an errand that would take her across the track. The child heard later of the accident but thought it was one of the trainmen, and was consequently greatly shocked when her mother was carried in to the house.

Those who were first to arrive at the scene of the accident, think that the engine struck Mrs. Tufts and threw her to one side so that her right foot lay across the rails and that the injury was inflicted in this manner. When she was found Mrs. Tufts was conscious and did not complain of any pain in her right leg, although she stated that the other was hurting her severely.

ROOSEVELT WANTS WAR

Asked Taft for Command of Cavalry Regiment in Case of Intervention in Mexico, Last Year.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The announcement of Colonel Roosevelt's willingness to accept the presidential nomination, and his consequent open break with President Taft, was declared here tonight to have removed a picturesque possibility in connection with the threatened trouble in Mexico.

Senators who claimed to be conversant with the facts state that just about a year ago, when the Madero revolution was at its height in Mexico and the possibility of American intervention was being discussed, Colonel Roosevelt wrote a letter to President Taft volunteering to head a regiment of cavalry which was to be in the forefront of the invading force.

Colonel Roosevelt at that time, it is said, stated it as his highest ambition to again be in the saddle in time of war.

President Taft's reply stated, according to reports, that the Colonel's proposition "was very interesting, indeed." But that the possibility of American intervention was too remote a contingency to be considered at the time in any way.

BLAMES IT ON THE PAPERS

Mayor Gaynor Thinks "Rag-Bag" Newspapers Responsible for Rumors of Wave of Crime in New York.

New York, Feb. 26.—Notwithstanding a number of hold-ups and robberies, Mayor Gaynor is certain that there is no crime wave in New York. He wrote to Police Commissioner Waldo today.

"Your letter of February 20th, giving me the statistics of crime since September 1st, 1911 and the corresponding statistics for the last two years showing that there is now no unusual amount of crime in the city, is at hand. This is all very true, but you must remember you cannot prevent the proprietors of rag bag newspapers from inventing a wave of crime whenever they feel disposed to do so for the sake of sensation and the circulation of their newspapers. They would be willing to bring any infamy on the city for the sake of increasing their circulation. But do not be disturbed by that. Intelligent people understand it perfectly."

DOUBLE TORNADO SWEEPS PORTIONS SOUTHEAST STATES

Dead Number Ten and Injured Not Less Than Twenty-five—Fire Also Broke Out—Much Damage Done.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 26.—Details of a double tornado which devastated portions of Lincoln, Jefferson and Arkansas counties Sunday afternoon, placed the list of dead at ten, with at least 25 persons severely hurt. Handsome homes, plantation equipment, rice and pumping stations caught in the path of the storm were wrecked. Fire broke out in the debris of a number of demolished residences and only the fact that the accompanying winds saved many of those who had been caught in the buildings from cremation.

MANY ENGAGED IN SEARCH FOR BAND OF GYPSY MARAUDERS

War Conditions Prevail Near Fulda, Germany, Owing to Depredations of Band of Mendicants.

Fulda, Germany, Feb. 26.—The district surrounding this city has been in a state of virtual war owing to the presence of a band of Gypsies, who, after committing three murders, sought refuge in the forests. They have killed or wounded several of the police who have been attempting their arrest. Assisted by 50 military police, volunteers are now engaged in beating the woods in order to discover the Gypsies' hiding place.

BOURASSA STORY WAS DIRECT LIE

Nationalist Leader was Not in Ottawa on Sunday Despite the Malicious Statements of Grit Newspapers.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The opposition press has been publishing circumstantial accounts of gatherings of French Conservatives to make trouble for the government in connection with the Manitoba boundary bill. An essential part of the story was a circumstantial statement that Mr. Bourassa was in Ottawa taking part in and guiding the deliberations of the rebellious ones. The trouble with this statement is that it is not true. Mr. Bourassa is not in Ottawa, was not in Ottawa on Sunday and has not been in Ottawa for several weeks.

ACCOUNT OF ITALY'S PROWESS HEARD WITH ENTHUSIASM

Senate Greeted Minister of Marine with Cheers as He Reads Despatches Descriptive of Action of Beirut.

Rome, Feb. 26.—Admiral Cattolico, minister of marine, amid prolonged cheers in the senate and chamber today, read despatches describing the action of Beirut and the sinking of Turkish warships in the harbor by Italian cruisers. According to the despatches, the operation was difficult owing to the limited extent of the harbor and the danger of damaging neutral shipping and buildings along the waterfront. It was carried out, however with moderation, but energetically and resolutely. The greatest credit, the minister added, was due to the officers and men for their brilliant conduct.

MEXICANS RESENT THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN PARTY

Feeling Among Mexicans Rises to Pitch of Stoning Automobiles—Rebels Seize Several Towns.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 26.—Telegrams received here today tell of the narrow escape of a party of automobile pathfinders on the way to Mexico City. The messages came from J. Beaudet, driver of a car which has been following a west coast route. It said that intense anti-American feeling was manifested and that Beaudet and his party were stored today at San Juan Del Rio, 110 miles from Mexico City.

At Yucuarco, the party barely escaped with their lives from a crowd of angry Mexicans, who shouted "kill the gringos." Beaudet said that the towns near Yucuarco were in the hands of the rebels.

LEADERS OF REBELS DEMAND SURRENDER OF CITY OF JUAREZ

Juarez, Mex., Feb. 26.—The rebel leaders sent a demand to Juarez for the surrender of the city in six hours. They declared in their communication that if the city is not surrendered the attack will be made and Juarez officials are asked to warn foreigners to leave.

ARREST IS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH HOLDUPS

New York, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Police Commissioner Waldo, announced this evening that the detective bureau had arrested Edward Kinman, formerly a prizefighter, as the principal in the recent taxi-cab robbery in which 400 bank messengers were held up and robbed of \$25,000.

MAY BE NO CANADIANS AT BISLEY

Minister of Militia Says Team Will Not Go Unless English Attitude Toward Ross Rifle is Changed.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 26.—"There may be no Canadian team at Bisley this year. There will be none if the National Rifle Association, the authority on rifle shooting in the United Kingdom, does not change its attitude towards the Ross rifle." So said Col. Hughes today in the course of a brief debate.

Early in the afternoon E. M. MacDonald moved the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing the treatment of Canadian marksmen by the N. R. A. He reviewed the development of the N. R. A. rules since the Ross rifle made its appearance on the ranges at Bisley and described it as a process of "growing and pin pricks." The success of the Canadian riflemen, he declared, was the secret of the whole campaign. This year they are seeking to exclude it by a rule about sights which was a mere pretext.

In conclusion Mr. MacDonald read affidavits from Private Clifford, the winner of the King's prize last year and five other Canadian marksmen, declaring that British range officers at Bisley had interfered unduly with the Canadians. In particular it was sworn by these contestants that a Major Silverthorne had been very officious.

Col. Hughes agreed that the Canadian riflemen had been subjected to these annoyances over since the Ross rifle had reached its present high standard. After the first success of that rifle at Bisley, British marksmen ordered thousands of these weapons. This alarmed the rifle makers of England and they were at the bottom of the campaign. This new rule about the sights capped the climax. As a result of the success of the Ross rifle, the British government had been experimenting with a new weapon. He understood that the calibre would be .276.

"This new rule," said the minister, "seems a very strange way to treat those of us who are interested in Imperial affairs."

The Canadian government had offered to lend the N. R. A. 10,000 Ross rifles free of charge, but the offer had not as yet been accepted. W. B. Norrith attacked the Ross rifle. He suggested that the interference of which complaint was made, was due to the doubt which many persons in England and in Canada felt as to the certificate given by Sir Frederick Borden to "the mark two double cross rifle."

"How many rifles of that character had been bought and distributed to the militia at the date when Sir Frederick Borden certified that it was the service arm in Canada, and how many are now in the hands of the Canadian militia?" he asked.

Col. Hughes had nothing to say as to the honesty of the Canadian government in issuing the certificate. But he would say that at the time 1,000 of the rifles were made, and that nearly all of these were in the hands of the militia. That was a higher percentage of the whole force than 10,000 would be in the British army.

The minister referred in severe terms to the action of Major Silverthorne.

"If British riflemen do not wish to use their own rifle, and they don't," he continued, "the offer made to these people of 10,000 rifles may be accepted. Then British riflemen will have an opportunity of competing on equal terms with Canadians. If this conduct is continued, he doubted whether Canada will send a team and doubted whether the Canadian riflemen would go."

WHO WILL FILL THIRD VACANCY IN THE SENATE?

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The death of Senator Miller makes the third vacancy in Nova Scotia representation in the Senate. Many names are mentioned for the upper chamber, but the most prominent are those of Jno. Stanfield, M. P., chief Conservative whip; J. A. Gillies, ex-M. P., and Adam Crosby, ex-M. P.

WEST END WOMAN VICTIM OF AN AWFUL ACCIDENT

One of the saddest accidents that has occurred in this city for some time, took place last evening near Bentley's Beach, in Carleton, when Mrs. Elizabeth Tufts, was struck by the Shore Line train No. 132 while crossing the track in front of her home. The unfortunate lady, was 56 years of age, had her right foot instantly cut off just above the ankle, while the left leg was badly broken.

Dr. F. L. Kenney was at once called and the victim was taken to her home where the doctor dressed her wounds. The ambulance was then sent for and on its arrival Mrs. Tufts was conveyed to the general public hospital where she is resting as comfortably as possible under the circumstances.

There are many stories as to how the accident happened, but as there were no eye witnesses, the truth of the matter will not be arrived at until Mrs. Tufts is able to talk. At the time of the accident the train was in charge of Conductor E. Whelpley with several,