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THOROUGH INSPECTION OF N. B. SOUTHERN ROAD

Chief Engineer Mountain of Railway Commission to Look It Over Tomorrow—Harvey and Salisbury Line Will Get Same Treatment—Commissioners Visited Fairville and Milford Crossings Yesterday, and Will Open Court Today.

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Acting under the instructions of the board, the chief engineer, George A. Mountain, will tomorrow make an inspection of the New Brunswick Southern from St. John to Fairville. It is understood that the commissioners decided to have an inspection on account of the complaints which have from time to time been made with reference to the crossings and canals.

board will hold a sitting in the admiralty court this morning. The proceedings are not expected to last over today and the commissioners will then leave for Riverview. The court will be open to the public to hear the evidence, but it is expected in conformity with the usual custom, the decision of the board will be reserved. Chief Engineer Mountain was formerly with the Canada Atlantic Railway in a similar capacity. In speaking of his proposed inspection of the N. B. Southern he told a representative of the Telegraph that the railway did not admit the jurisdiction of the commissioners, claiming that it was a provincial road. The question was now up for decision by the department of railways and canals and the present inspection is being made in case the road should be declared to be under the authority of the board. On conclusion of this inspection Mr. Mountain will proceed to Moncton and inspect the Harvey & Salisbury road, after which he will rejoin the commissioners.

INTEREST LESS IN AUTONOMY DEBATE

Conservatives Willing to Cut it Short—What the Intercolonial Got for Use of Cars Last Year.

Ottawa, April 17.—(Special)—The opposition in parliament is taking every opportunity it can these days to avoid discussing the autonomy bill, and some of the conservative leaders are suggesting that debate should be shortened as much as possible. The trouble is that many Conservatives have prepared their speeches and are really anxious to get them delivered, but the great majority will not do this.

The afternoon was entirely wasted with discussion of a proposed dredging company at Port Arthur and Fort Williams, which has been discussed twice already. The last time it was up Mr. Bennett complained that the time for receiving tenders for the work was not long enough to the satisfaction of the bidders. He said the time for receiving tenders should be extended to May 1.

Today Mr. Bennett again called for a further extension to let dredges come to the United States. This was refused on the grounds that the time was long enough for Canadian dredge owners, and that Canadian dredging should go to Canadian dredges.

When the debate bill was reached, the former time was taken up in discussing the Western Life Assurance Company, notwithstanding that it was well considered at the banking and commerce committee. Henderson moved an amendment providing that after five years from the time of passing the act no policy holder who is a resident of the United States shall be eligible for decision as a policy holder director. Finally the amendment was withdrawn and the bill was passed after changing the name to the Canadian West Insurance Company.

AUTONOMY DEBATE

It was nearly 10 o'clock tonight before the debate on the autonomy bill was resumed by George Grant (Liberal, North Ontario). He pointed out that the opposition in the House of Commons was in line with the city of Toronto and the Toronto press.

The Toronto press was kept busy arousing the slumbering passions of religious bigotry to stir up opposition to the measure. But Toronto was not Ontario. The voice of Toronto was not the voice of Ontario. Toronto had no right to speak for Ontario.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson in reply to Mr. Foster said that the amount received from foreign railways for the use of cars, under the present traffic arrangement for the exchange of cars by the Intercolonial Railway during the year ended June 30 last, was \$77,869, and the amounts received from Canadian railways was \$122,252. The amounts paid to foreign railways by the Intercolonial were \$75,200, and to Canadian roads, \$70,023.

EQUITABLE AGENTS ANXIOUS FOR PEACE

New York, April 17.—To discuss and take action on the unsettled condition of the Equitable Life Assurance Society's affairs, 180 general agents and district managers of the society, held a caucus behind closed doors in the hotel Netherlands to night and adopted a resolution endorsing President J. W. Alexander of the society, but containing an emphatic request that the present fractional strike cease. Every representative who attended tonight's meeting was pledged to abide by the decision reached.

RIDER HAGGARD SUITED WITH SALVATION ARMY SETTLEMENTS

Ottawa, April 17.—(Special)—Rider Haggard left Rideau hall today for New York from where he will sail on Wednesday by the Majestic. It is understood that he will report favorably to the British government on the condition of the Salvation Army settlements in the United States, and also that his subsequent negotiations with the dominion government were very satisfactory indeed.

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF CHATHAM MAN

Robert Knowles Went Shooting Sunday in Small Punt, and Hasn't Been Heard From—Four Young Men Have Close Call.

Chatham, N. B., April 17.—(Special)—A party of men in the employ of J. B. Snowball Company Ltd., were rafting logs last week on Portage Island. Sunday morning one of their number named Robt. Knowles went with his gun in a small punt presumably to shoot birds and up to this time has not been heard of.

A terrific gale was blowing all day from the west and grave doubts are entertained that the frail craft was blown out to sea. Last evening about 8 o'clock four young men were returning from Douglas Point in a row boat. When part way over it filled with water and was sinking, but the occupants in some way managed to escape and sat on her keel for about three-quarters of an hour, when assistance came from this side.

ST. JOHN BOY DEAD BY ACCIDENT IN NEW YORK

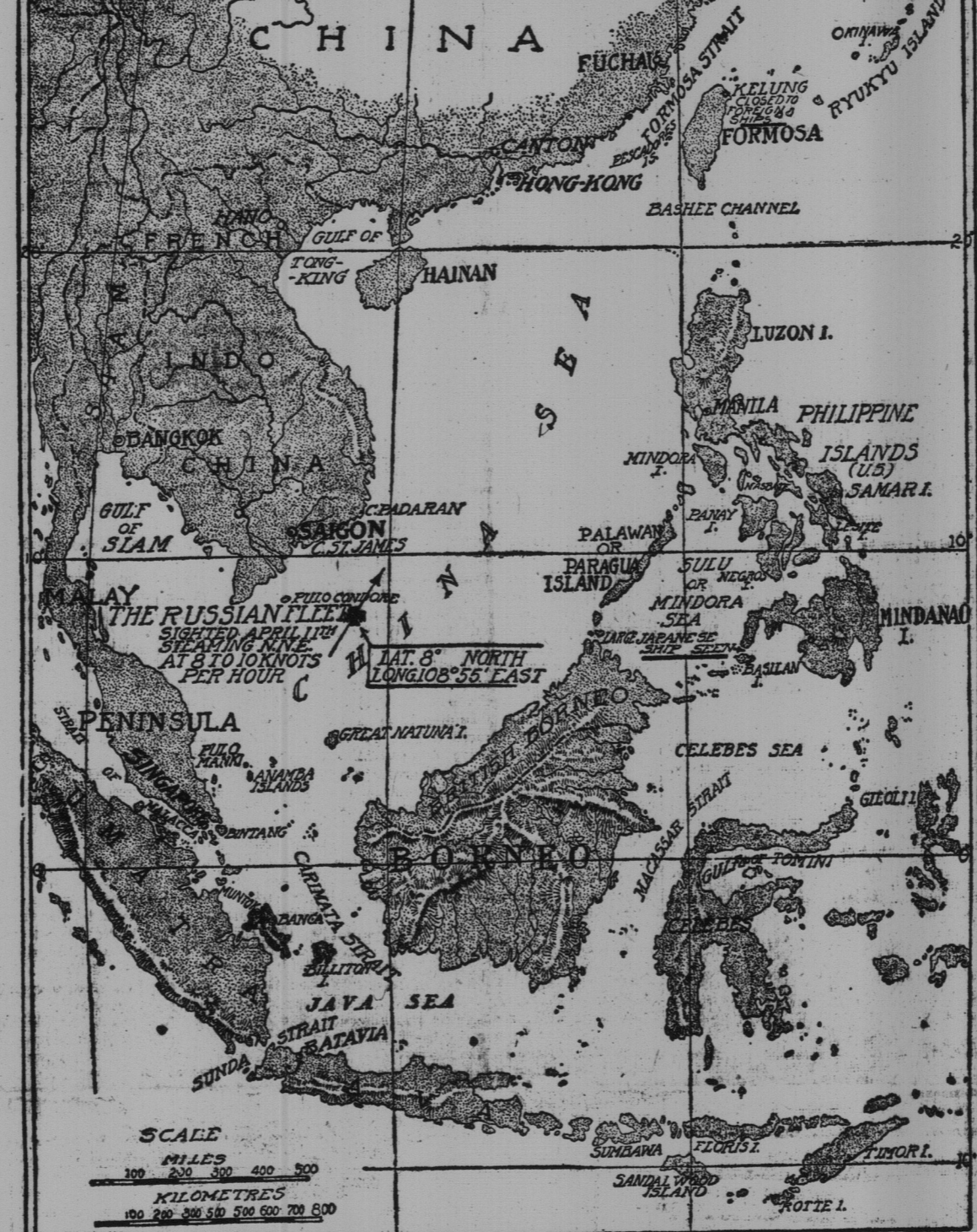
Arthur McCafferty Received Fatal Injuries in a Fall.

New York, April 17.—Arthur McCafferty, of St. John (N. B.), died in the New York Hospital yesterday of injuries received by a fall in East 34th street, near Fifth avenue Saturday night. When picked up he was unconscious, and it was found his skull was fractured. He regained consciousness for a time, but died fourteen hours after the accident.

Arthur F. McCafferty was the son of Joseph L. McCafferty, of the I. C. R. here. He was in his twentieth year, a young man of good qualities which were bringing him success in his work in New York. He had been employed with O. H. Warren in King street some years ago, and made good progress. He left there to go to the States, finally taking a position in the grocery branch of R. H. Macy & Co.'s department store in Broadway about two years ago. Some time ago he left that firm for a better position with the Japanese Fan Company, and had only recently been advanced to the post of head of their china import department, and was looking forward to further promotion in one of their branches in another city next summer.

A letter received by his father only a few days ago was full of content with his position and prospects and bright with hope for the future. The telegram last night announcing his death was therefore the greater shock to his father and other relatives in St. John. Besides his father, one brother survives.

THE GREAT FAR EASTERN GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK



MAP SHOWING LATEST REPORTED POSITION OF RUSSIAN FLEET NEAR SAIGON

SYDNEY STEEL WORKS ON DOUBLE SHIFTS

Plate and Angle Mill to Be Erected as Soon as Rail Plant is Completed—Cape Breton Company to Spend Large Sum.

Sydney, N. S., April 17.—(Special)—The Dominion Iron & Steel Company are said to be preparing for the erection of a plate and angle mill as soon as the rail mill is completed and in operation, which will be about June 1.

The blooming mill of the company was double shifted today, the first time in two years. The other mills will be put on double time shortly.

The company has no labor troubles. About two dozen bricklayers left their employ Saturday because a demand for increase of wages was not granted.

RECENT CAMPBELLTON BURGLARIES CLEARED UP

Ernest Richard, Arrested, Confesses to Stealing More Than \$400 from Different Stores.

Dalhousie, N. B., April 17.—(Special)—Two robberies were committed in Campbellton recently and a search warrant was issued resulting in the arrest of a German named Ernest Richard, who confesses to have stolen more than \$400 worth of goods from Sheffer Brothers, and several articles from Alexander. Richard is in the county jail and will be tried here on Wednesday under the speedy trials act by Judge Wilkinson.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of another German named William Kruger, who, it is implicated in the above robberies.

James Reid, M. P., returned home on Saturday to spend a few days among his constituents.

MAN FOUND DEAD NEAR SACKVILLE

Name of Wm. Adams on Medicine Bottle the Only Clue

THINK HE DIED IN A FIT

Deceased Had a Prescription Put up at Fredericton Refilled at Dorchester Monday—Believed That He Was Victim of Epilepsy—Was About 40 Years Old, and Well Dressed.

Sackville, N. B., April 17.—(Special)—The body of a man was found about noon today at the edge of Bulmer's Pond, three miles from here. He had been dead but a short time. The man was dark complexioned, five feet seven inches high, about forty years old, and would probably weigh about 140 pounds. The little finger of his left hand is missing. He was fairly well dressed.

The pockets contained between \$3 and \$4 in change, and a bottle of medicine, put up by Arthur J. Ryan, Fredericton, signed by Dr. Folkin.

The bottle had been refilled by George M. Fairweather, Dorchester. The medicine was supposed to be for epileptic fits.

The man was seen in Dorchester yesterday, and was probably on his way to Sackville when smitten by one of his fits. When found he was lying in a few feet of water. The name on the bottle was William Adams. The body will be held here until Wednesday, awaiting possible word from relatives or friends.

Ten People Had Close Call in Fire

Lawrence, Mass., April 17.—The lives of ten people were imperilled tonight by a fire that, originating in the basement, of the four story Grayway block on Essex street, worked up into the first floor and out of escape by the usual exits of lodgers on the floors above. Several were rescued by the firemen, while others made their way down the fire escapes in the rear.

POSITION OF RUSSIAN AND JAPS FLEETS STILL A MYSTERY

London Papers Discuss Action of French Government in Allowing Rojstvensky to Use Their Ports.

London, April 18.—In the absence of further information regarding the position of the Russian and Japanese fleets the London morning papers are keenly discussing the neutrality question, for the most part in a strong pro-Japanese tone.

The Morning Post takes the milder view that Kamohani Bay is a mere fishing port and unable to provide coal or other supplies to the Russian squadron, which probably took shelter there to replenish from its own collars, and that though a technical breach of neutrality has been committed the French authorities could hardly be held responsible unless it can be proven that they had previous knowledge of Rojstvensky's intentions.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Singapore gives a further report from the North German Lloyd steamer Prinz Heinrich that on Friday, April 14, the Russian cruisers Dmitri Donkoi and Rion were scouting outside the bay while a tug was seen bringing collars alongside the warships which were coaling, and that many boats were transferring provisions to Russian vessels.

The correspondent at Hong Kong of the Daily Mail reports that the steamer North Anglia late Friday night sighted a strong fleet of cruisers off Bombay Reef, steering south and using searchlights. The North Anglia was unable to distinguish the nationality of the cruisers.

No Protest from Japs Yet.

Paris, April 17.—Neither the French government nor the Japanese legation has yet been advised that Japan expects to make representations to France as a result of the presence of vessels of the Russian second Pacific squadron at Kamohani Bay. The legation is inclined to the view that Japan's action will depend upon whether the Russians make a prolonged stay at Kamohani Bay. However both the government and the Japanese officials show considerable scepticism concerning the whereabouts of Admiral Rojstvensky, foreseeing a possible naval ruse.

Another \$50,000,000 Jap Loan

London, April 18.—The correspondent at Tokio of the Standard says that a fifth domestic loan of \$50,000,000 has been satisfactorily arranged on the same terms as the fourth domestic loan.

\$300,000 OF "GET-RICH-QUICK" CONCERN LOCATED

Promoter of 520 Per Cent. Franklin Syndicate Confessed Before His Death Abroad That His Mother Had Charge of it in New York—Assets of Northern Securities to Be Distributed Tomorrow—How the Theatre Trust Works—Bright Items from Gotham.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

New York, April 17.—About \$300,000 of loot stolen from the credulous public by the notorious Miller "get rich quick" syndicate has been located under dramatic circumstances. It is the custom of these swindlers to try to salt their plunder away either to a confederate or otherwise, so that they can take their dose in the penitentiary with equanimity, looking to prosperity when they are released.

Edward Schlesinger was one of Miller's confederates in the "Franklin Syndicate." John B. Lord, who is a trustee in bankruptcy proceedings, has been trying to find some of the assets for the poor victims.

Mr. Lord today told of his search in Europe by means of which it was proved that the dead Ostend gambler, known as "Edward Solix," was Edward Schlesinger, promoter of the Franklin Syndicate. He found that Schlesinger was stricken with apoplexy during the high fever of play in the Kursaal, at Ostend. He fell to the floor alongside the gaming table.

For years Lord knew that Schlesinger was in Europe, but no attempt was made to extradite him for the reason that the moment extradition proceedings were instituted Schlesinger would conceal his money and thus it would be lost to the creditors.

Mr. Lord had learned of "Solix's" death at Ostend in 1902, but was given to understand by the French secret service that he had died penniless. From a Rabbi who had been at "Solix's" deathbed, Mr. Lord has secured an affidavit which is said to contain the fact that with his dying words "Solix" admitted his identity as Schlesinger, and his connection with the syndicate.

Following the clue, Mr. Lord has discovered that \$300,000 of the plunder in cash is stored in a safe deposit vault in this city, to which Schlesinger's mother holds the key. The courts have been invoked to open the box.

How the Theatre Trust Works.

The best concrete example of the "trust idea" carried unscrupulously to its end is afforded by what is known as the "Belasco case," now on trial here in the supreme court.

It has been shown that virtually about all the first class theatres in the country are controlled by a few men in partnership. These men are Chas. Frohman, A. L. Hayman, Marc Klaw, W. A. Erlanger, K. Fred. Zimmerman, and Sam. F. Nixon, who calls himself Nixon for business purposes. They happen to be Jews. So, however, is David Belasco, their most conspicuous opponent.

In all this boasted "free America," an author with his play, an actor with his genius, an investor with his capital, is absolutely at the mercy of these six men. It is as simple as that. If you have the best play and the best actor the world has seen. They have the theatre. What you must do is take your hat in your hand and ask permission of the "syndicate." If they see fit they will give you a "booking." You then pay all the expenses, rent, salaries, and everything else—and you give the syndicate half of all you make. That is the only way you can do business in St. John.

Belasco's Experience.

Belasco has been booking them. He built a theatre of his own, but that's not profitable. He wanted to tour David Warner. He has sworn that the only way he could do it was to give Klaw & Erlanger fifty per cent. of the profits, and he to stand all the expenditure.

The situation is exactly the same as if a man should stand at the head of King street and say to everybody engaging in a certain line of business: "Go ahead, rent your shop, buy your stock, hire your employes, pay for it all, then give me half of all you make. That is the only way you can do business in St. John."

Belasco, in telling about his interview with Erlanger, testified: "Mr. Erlanger said, 'We are not in this business for our health.' And I said, 'Just give me a route for Warfield and I will give you twenty per cent. of the profits.' And Erlanger said, 'I don't think much of all you make. That is the only way you can do business in St. John.'"

Mrs. Leslie Carter a Witness.

Mrs. Leslie Carter took her red hair to the court room today, accompanied by her two sisters, the dramatic critic, Acton Davies, who by the way is a Canadian and connected with the Robinson family in St. John. Mrs. Carter was more dramatic than she is in "Zaza" in telling of Belasco's trouble with the trust. Her theatrical fortunes have been connected with Belasco's for a long time.

"I have been associated with him for sixteen years," she said today. "I have never been connected with anyone else—as an actress."

Uncle Sam now owns his first merchant steamship line. Secretary of War Taft came here today and in behalf of the government took over the Panama Railroad & Steamship Co. A total of 70,000 shares of the company's stock is now controlled by the government. The officers of the old company were replaced at a meeting this afternoon by a new board of directors.

Secretary Taft said at the conclusion of the meeting: "The old Panama Steamship Company has maintained a weekly service between Colon and this port with the steamers Advance, France, Orizaba and Segura. It is our intention to build or otherwise secure several new ships for extension of this line through the Columbia River Valley and across the Canadian States, Toronto and Seattle."

O. P. R. and Great Northern Fight.

A special to the Times from Tacoma says: "By a contract let last week at St. Paul the Great Northern Railway announced its intention to build a new line through British Columbia from the Kootenay Mining Districts to tidewater, paralleling the Canadian Pacific."

"The contract covers eighty-six miles extending from a point on the Great Northern Republic line, to Princeton (B.C.), Siens & Shields, of St. Paul have the contract."

"This invasion of Canadian Pacific territory is being promptly met by the Canadian Pacific, which threatens to parallel the Great Northern and Northern Pacific main lines through Washington. Acting for the Canadian Pacific, D. O. Corbin is building the Spokane and International from Spokane to the Canadian Pacific's main line at points northeast and northwest of Spokane. Surveys are partly made for extension of this line through the Columbia River Valley and across the Canadian States, Toronto and Seattle."

Northern Securities Assets Distribution.

The distribution of Northern Securities assets upon which the stock market has been hanging, will not begin until Wednesday. The directors met here today and decided to keep the books open until tomorrow afternoon. The mandate of the United States Supreme Court dissolving the bill to restrain the distribution, was issued at Washington today.

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Announcement was made after the close of the market that the transfer books of this much lighted corporation would close tomorrow, not to be reopened, of course, so far as the present stock is concerned, and was a perplexing body of contradictory information as to whether or not short interests in this stock. There was a good borrowing demand for it this morning on the curb, and it closed at two per cent.

Wall Street in Waiting Mood.

The total dealings on the board were 1,158,330 shares, a considerable contraction in business compared with the volume that obtained toward the end of last week. On the whole it looked as though the street were waiting for a clue as to what was going to happen in the way of the important developments that have been expected to follow immediately upon the issuance of the Northern Securities mandate, which came from the Federal Supreme Court this afternoon, upon the closing of the Northern Securities book and some of the important corporate meetings of the week, which include those of the New York Central Railroad and the Amalgamated Copper Company.

It was regarded after the close as probable that the failure of the Union Pacific to exhibit any more fireworks was the chief cause of the irregularities and uncertainty that characterized the day's market as a whole. Stocks like Atlantic Coast Line and Louisville, due to themselves, can make sharp advances as they did today without being able to fill the position of market leaders. Considerable steadiness was, however, imparted to the afternoon by the evidence of a strong upward tendency in the steel issues, of what was reported to be good buying in them, and by the suggestive strength of St. Paul. The close was steady on the whole with the steel issues ruling at the best prices.

Jefferson's Condition Worse.

West Palm Beach, Fla., April 17.—The condition of Joseph Jefferson, the veteran actor, has undergone a change for the worse, and tonight the outlook for his recovery is not so hopeful. The physician has been in constant attendance at his bedside today, and reports him as very weak.