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CZAR SWINGS OPEN PRISON DOORS SIBERIAN EXILES MAY COME HOME

Full Amnesty Granted Political Prisoners and Convicts, Terms Reduced by Half—Fifteen Years Imprisonment for All Condemned to Death.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 4.—The text of the imperial manifesto granting amnesty to political prisoners signed by Emperor Nicholas yesterday declares that by virtue of the intention expressed in the manifesto of Oct. 30 to accord the population inviolable principles of civil liberty, free pardon is granted to political criminals of various categories, which are enumerated, and also to participants in strikes and those responsible for breaking contracts. The pardon extends to those now in prison and to those not yet tried or on whom sentence has not been pronounced. Persons convicted of crimes committed over ten years ago are to be released

and will be sent to the Siberian colonies. Those who are now colonists there will be allowed, after four years, to choose their place of residence, but are prohibited from living in the capitals, St. Petersburg and Moscow, for three years. Convicts not falling under these categories have their sentences reduced by one-half, and persons condemned to imprisonment for life have their sentences reduced to fifteen years' imprisonment.

The pardon extends to all prisoners who benefited by previous manifestos. Persons arrested by imperial or administrative order are released. Those condemned to death or liable

thereto have the penalty commuted to fifteen years' imprisonment at hard labor.

The amnesty decree includes political offenses committed up to Oct. 30. Finland is free.

London, Nov. 4.—The second edition of the London Times today issued the following dispatch from St. Petersburg dated Nov. 3: "Finland has won her freedom. A manifesto embodying all the demands presented by the popular delegates at Helsinki to Prince John Obolensky, the governor-general, will be submitted by Secretary of State Luder for the signature at St. Petersburg tonight. The key-note of the new Finnish constitution is the responsibility, not of the monarch as hitherto, but of the secretary of state and the Diet. 'The presence of Russian warships off Helsinki is intended to signify that although the Emperor grants constitutional freedom, he intends to prevent the severance of the grand duchy from the empire.'"

Couple Dead in Home; May Be Double Murder

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, Nov. 4.—At noon today the Hamilton police were notified of what may be a double murder, a double suicide, or a murder and suicide. Bylander Burkholder and his wife, of Tapleystown, were found dead in their home at that place this morning. The discovery was made by neighbors, and

word was sent to the police officer and coroner at Stoney Creek, the nearest place at which officers could be found. Coroner Thompson and Constable Springstead, of Stoney Creek, left at once for the scene of the double tragedy. Mrs. Burkholder has two brothers living in this city. They have been notified, and will accompany an officer to the scene.

PATIENT AT ASYLUM STRANGLES HIMSELF WITH A HANDKERCHIEF

James Montgomery, of Tara, Ont., a patient at the asylum for the insane here, hanged himself on Thursday night in the institution.

Montgomery was not looked upon as a dangerous patient. On Thursday he went to bed at the usual hour. No unusual noise was heard in his room during the night, but in the morning he was found dead in bed by one of the attendants, a brother of the wife of the deceased.

Montgomery had strangled himself by using a handkerchief around his neck and drawing on the ends. For fear of discovery he had covered himself with the bed clothes, and he was still covered when the attendant found him. He had been a patient in the institution some time.

The body was taken to Tara today by a brother of the wife of the deceased.

SEIZED CHINESE IDOLS

Massacre of Missionaries Due to a Woman's Rash Act.

London, Nov. 4.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from Hong Kong says that the Lien Chow massacre was due to the unhappy action of Mrs. Machie, who on the refusal of some of the members of a native procession to desist from worshipping the idols they carried, seized the idols and declined to restore them to their owners. Thereupon the infuriated processionists surrounded and mistreated the mission and assaulted the inmates. They then murdered them and threw their bodies into the river. The mob did not interfere to ask for an inquest, and Mrs. Machie, who resided in the neighborhood, was

CEMETERY VANDALS

Overthrow Monuments in Bothwell Catholic Burying Ground.

Chatham, Nov. 4.—The Roman Catholics of Bothwell are very indignant at present. About a year ago they purchased land for a cemetery in Bothwell, as there was no other nearer than ten miles. Some of the neighbors objected, but on the provincial board of health looking into the matter the owners were upheld. There have since then been only a few burials, and there are but three monuments in the cemetery. A short time ago one of these was overthrown, and the cross stolen from another. Now the Catholic clergy and the authorities are hot-foot after the vandals.

INQUEST UNNECESSARY

Crown Makes Further Inquiry Into Death of Nilsen Boy.

During the last few days Crown Attorney McKillop has been investigating the death of Wm. McMullen, the 16-year-old boy whose name was found hanging from a tree in an orchard near Nilsen.

At the time of McMullen's death, there was considerable questioning in the neighborhood as to how it had occurred, and an inquest was suggested. This, however, was considered unnecessary by the coroner, who was called in. However, since then, the friends and relatives of the boy, as well as a number of others, continued to ask for an inquest, and Mr. McKillop sent for all the parties who knew anything whatever in connection with the affair, and asked them to sign a statement as to the conclusion that no blame could be attached to any person.

No inquest will therefore be held. McMullen's father, who lives at Nilsen, is of the opinion that his son's death was accidental. No reason was given for the conclusion that no blame could be attached to any person.

BOYS STEAL STEAM YACHT.

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—Lionel Rinesad, aged 12, his brother Honor, aged 13, and a third boy, aged 14, were charged with taking a valuable steam yacht owned by Thomas Ahearn, a wealthy Ottawa, from its boat house and starting fire under the boilers. As a result there was an explosion, fire, up-burns of \$1,000 damage being done to the boat. The police have a confession from some of them which implicates the other two.

STRIKE HALTS GRAIN.

Amsterdam, Holland, Nov. 4.—Thirty-five steamers loaded with grain now here are unable to discharge their cargoes in consequence of a strike of grain measurers and weighers. The strike is due to the introduction of grain elevators, leading to a reduction in wages.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair; Rain Towards Night.

London, Saturday, Nov. 4. Sun rises, 6:57 a.m. Moon rises, 12:00 a.m. Sun sets, 5:05 p.m. Moon sets, 12:00 a.m.

The weather has been showery today in Ontario and fair in other parts of the Dominion. It has turned considerably cooler in the Western Provinces, with no indications of another change.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 10-22; Victoria, 48-52; Kamloops, 34-50; Calgary, 24-32; Edmonton, 22-32; Prince Albert, 18-34; Qu'Appelle, 22-44; Winnipeg, 22-34; Port Arthur, 30-34; Parry Sound, 28-40; Toronto, 36-48; Ottawa, 24-40; Montreal, 24-42; Quebec, 20-30; St. John's, 28-42; Halifax, 20-44.

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate westerly winds; fair. Sunday—Easterly winds; fair at first, rain towards night.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Weather.
Calgary	22	24	Rain
Winnipeg	22	28	Rain
Port Arthur	22	28	Rain
Toronto	20	28	Fair
Ottawa	22	36	Fair
Montreal	22	40	Rain
Quebec	22	32	Rain
Father Point	22	32	Rain

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather is fair and mild over the greater part of the Dominion. A disturbance now forming over the southwest will probably move towards the great lakes.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory for the 24 hours ended at 5 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 42°; lowest, 32.5°.

AUDITOR JEWELL FINDS CITY HALL OFFICES UNDERMANNED

Recommends More Help in the Several Departments and Shows Why It Is Necessary.

LEAVE POLITICS OUT AND APPOINT ON MERIT.

QUIST OF THE REPORT.

ASSESSMENT OFFICE—Another assessor and temporary clerk, and another permanent clerk.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE—Additional help at times of great pressure from the collector's office. The assessor's commission during six months of the year.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE—Employment of a permanent draughtsman.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE—Another junior clerk.

What It Means in Money.

ASSESSMENT OFFICE—

Another assessor \$ 500

Another clerk (temporary) 300

Another clerk (permanent) 500

City clerk's office 300

Temporary assistant (probably) 200

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE—

Clerk (six months) 300

ENGINEER'S OFFICE—

Draughtsman 700

TREASURER'S OFFICE—

Junior clerk 300

Total \$2,800

City Auditor Jewell's report on the work of the various offices in the city hall was presented at a meeting of the committee last evening, but it was laid over until copies of it have been furnished the aldermen, that they may be able to understand it thoroughly.

More help is the keynote of the report. While certain aldermen have been shouting that there is already too much help in the city hall and while the mayor has been roundly criticised for putting on another assessor and a clerk for a short period at the close of the work of assessing the city, it turns out that the employees of several of the offices, principally the assessor and collector's offices, have been overworked, and the auditor, after a careful study of the situation, advises the council to secure more help.

In the Assessment Office.

Beginning with the work of the assessment office, Mr. Jewell shows that in 1903 the number of assessments made was 19,363, and in 1904, 26,741, an increase of 6,378. In the same time the total amount of the assessments jumped from \$18,944,622 to \$21,713,034, an increase of \$2,768,412. These figures show an increase of 14.1 per cent in amount, and 30 per cent in the number.

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Katsura in Kure's Shores.

Tokyo, Nov. 4, 3 p.m.—Count Katsura, the premier of Japan, will assume the duties of Baron Komura as minister of foreign affairs, during the absence of the latter at Kure, where he will visit as a special envoy from Japan. Baron Komura will leave for China on Nov. 5. Gen. Miyoshi, commander of the Japanese army in the Tumen River, arrived here today.

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COMPLIMENTS CITY CLERK.

Owing to the press of work in the city clerk's office caused by the completion of the voters' list and the revising of the rolls, etc., Mr. Jewell, after paying the city clerk a compliment for the manner in which he has conducted his office, and for a laudable desire expressed by him to do everything possible to help along the work of the city by performing extra duties, when he finds it possible to do so, recommends that during extraordinary periods, Mr. Baker be given more help. This probably means another clerk in the office, for say two months in the year.

Mr. Jewell next deals with the tax collector's office, and Mayor Hayes and his assistant are praised for the splendid work being done by them in the face of the fact that, as has been the case with the assessment office, the work of the collector's office has vastly increased.

"Only by reason of the system employed affecting each property is it possible for the major part of the assessments to get through the work," says Mr. Jewell. He thinks that another clerk should be appointed for at least six months in the year.

Engineer's Time Broken Up.

Next the city engineer's office is dealt with. Continued on page 6.

WESLEY BOYCE GETS TWO YEARS

and Six Months for Stealing Lady's Purse.

Wesley Boyce, the livery stable employee, was sentenced by Judge Macbeth this morning to two years and six months in the Kingston penitentiary, for stealing a purse from Miss Fannie Sims in September last.

When asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed, the prisoner asked for a chance to reform. He would lead a better life, he said, and would support his wife and children.

Judge Macbeth declared that the crime of which Boyce had been convicted was a most serious one, the maximum penalty being fourteen years in the penitentiary. His wife had pleaded for leniency, but the case was one in which undue leniency could not be shown. The offense was a mean and most cowardly one. He had stolen the purse of a defenseless working girl late at night, which was very base.

There was the further fact that not more than seven months ago Boyce had been sentenced from that court-room to the Central Prison for the crime of theft. Since coming out, instead of profiting by his experience, he started out on a career of debauchery that culminated in the crime of stealing a woman's purse.

The sentence was that Boyce be confined in Kingston penitentiary for two years and six months. His term could be shortened by good behavior, and if Boyce showed by his conduct during the term that he was sincere in his determination to lead a better life, he might be liberated on probation. The court warned him in any case to leave liquor alone and support his wife and family by honest toil.

NOT THE SAME MAN

Recruit at Barracks Answered Description of Missing Husband.

Mrs. Arthur Chambers, of Clarence street south, is still in search of her husband, who left home the other morning presumably to go to work, and has not since been heard of.

Chambers was married only three months ago, and his wife cannot account for his disappearance. A St. Thomas paper of last evening stated that Chambers was working in that city. This could not be verified, however.

It was reported today that Chambers had enlisted in the Royal Engineers at Wolseley Barracks, but this report proved to be untrue. A young man answering the description of Chambers had joined the corps early in the week. He came to the city quite recently from England, and stated that he did not know the missing man.

MOTHER KILLS THREE CHILDREN

Fatally Wounds a Fourth and Is Herself Dying of Self-Inflicted Injuries.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 4.—Mrs. James Brennan, stepmother to the four children of James Brennan, today shot and killed three of the children, fatally wounding the fourth, and is herself dying of a self-inflicted wound. The dead are: Lizzie, aged 15; Alice, aged 8; Arthur, aged 11; Thomas, aged 13, is expected to die of his wounds.

Appearances indicated that the boys had struggled desperately to avoid the fate of their sisters.

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Port Huron, in the United States, all members of the International Association of Machinists, it was understood that the final acceptance of the agreement arrived at in Stratford was conditional upon the concurrence of the unions involved at the other points. From dispatches which have been received at the department of labor since my return to Ottawa, the department has learned that the men at Port Huron strongly opposed a settlement on a basis to which the striking unions were agreed. Also there appeared to have been an equal division of opinion among the few machinists who were there.

"If the dispatch which I have been shown is correct, it is evident that the opinion of the machinists at Port Huron and Toronto, and the representations which have been made on behalf of the International organization itself have caused the Stratford men to repudiate the agreement which they felt it to be in their own interest to accept, but which they were powerless to act upon without ratification from that body."

"As it is the wish of the company and the committees of the Stratford union that the terms of the agreement should not be made public, I am, of course, not at liberty to say whether or not the statement contained in their dispatch as to what the agreement amounted to is correct."

ROSS AND FIELDS SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN KINGSTON

Stole \$1,000 Bond From Old Man—Ross Admits Long List of Convictions.

William Ross, alias Alexander Dean, and Robert Fields, were sentenced to three years in the Kingston penitentiary by Judge Macbeth this morning for stealing a \$1,000 bond from Patrick Rider, an aged resident of East London. Fields was also sentenced to three years on the charge of stealing the gold locket from Harry Williamson, the sentences to run concurrently.

When asked if it was anything to say, Ross replied in the negative, and Fields said nothing, except that he was addicted to drink, and that was the cause of his crime. The court remarked that judging from their records Ross and Fields had been leading a thoroughly bad life for many years. His honor asked Ross if it were true that the long list of convictions against Alexander Dean were his, and he acknowledged it for the first time since his arrest. Judge Macbeth found this much in favor of the prisoners—that they had not gone into the witness box, and added perjury to their already long list of crimes. He gave the prisoners a severe lecture on the vanity of their present mode of living. From a business standpoint—and that

was the only point from which he would view the case—they were making a mistake, for they had not in their long career of crime received their share of the good things of life. He told them to think of that during their term of imprisonment, and resolve to do better. They were both clever men, and well able to earn a good living by honest toil.

Police Did Good Work.

Crown Attorney McKillop this morning, in talking over the cases of Boyce, Fields and Ross, paid a tribute to the work of the police and detective departments.

"I have never handled better cases than those against the prisoners. They were well worked up by the officers and made conviction absolutely certain. They both began with a positive story, and then every link in the evidence made the identification of the prisoners sure. The work done by the detective department in these cases is worthy of the highest commendation."

Mr. McKillop remarked that London had sent out quite a number of prisoners of late, and there are still serious cases to be disposed of. At the December sessions, Albert and Jennings and Winslow would be charged with robbing Chinamen. There were several other cases to be tried in the meantime. Successful crime in London seems to be almost impossible.

Madame Cambon Dead.

Paris, Nov. 4.—Madame Cambon, mother of Paul and Jules Cambon, respectively, ambassadors to Great Britain and Spain, died today. She was 84 years old.