

## AMUNDSEN'S PLANS MUST HAVE FAILED

Peary's Skipper Says He Ought to Have Been Further on Way to Pole.

New York, April 23.—Captain Robert A. Bartlett, who commanded the Roosevelt on Peary's successful dash to the north pole, and who has just reached Anadit, today express fear that some serious "gone wrong" with the polar expedition of Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the south pole.

Amundsen either has lost his ship or encountered some other serious mishap, Captain Bartlett said, adding that in the 19 months the Norwegian explorer has been traveling since he left Dixon Island, in the White Sea, in September, 1918, he should have reached a point between the north pole and Cape Chelsukin, on the northeastern Siberian coast, about 700 miles from the pole.

"Amundsen's plan was to drive his ship as far east and north as possible and get within striking distance of the pole," Captain Bartlett said, adding that he had talked with the Norwegian explorer here shortly before he left on his expedition.

"His ambition was to plant the Norwegian flag at the North Pole, as he already had placed it at the South Pole, and win for his country and himself the name of running up the flag at both extremes of the earth."

"In the 19 months since we have heard from him he should be in a very different place than Anadit. He evidently has accomplished little, and has ended up differently than I thought. Probably his vessel has drifted on the Siberian coast. If everything had gone well with him he ought to have been somewhere between the pole and Cape Chelsukin."

Amundsen planned to return from the pole by way of Cape Columbia, North America, 115 miles from the top of the world.

### DISAGREES WITH NANSEN.

Copenhagen, April 23.—Captain Ejnar Nilsen, the Arctic explorer, in an interview here today, said he disagreed with the statement attributed to Dr. Fridtjof Nansen that it was possible for Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, to reach the North Pole from Point Barrow by drifting with the ice. Captain Nilsen declared the current of the ice would be against Amundsen.

Nilsen said he believed Amundsen had either given up his attempt to reach the North Pole altogether or had returned to get new supplies to enable him to make another attempt. In any case, Nilsen declared, Amundsen would not try again by way of Point Barrow.

## AIM TO AMEND HOME RULE BILL

New Organization in Dublin to Extend the Powers of Self-Government.

Dublin, April 23.—A new organization has been formed in Dublin, under the chairmanship of Stephen Gwynn, called the government of Ireland bill amendment group. The formation of this body is the first attempt from the public side to make use of the home rule bill. Lord Dunsen has expressed his sympathy with the movement.

The group, which is composed of widely known business, professional and university men, will issue its manifesto tomorrow. In this document it puts forward as the basic principle of amendment of the measure the contention that the powers of self-government conferred upon Ireland in the bill must be enlarged, that the essential unity of Ireland must be more clearly recognized, and that harmonious action and mutual intercourse between the north and south must in greater measure be facilitated.

### NEW FRENCH TAX TO YIELD FIVE BILLION FRANCS

Paris, April 23.—The chamber of deputies today adopted clauses of the new tax bill imposing a tax on business turnovers, which it is estimated will yield a revenue of five billion francs. There were some exceptions, such as sales of bread and brokerage, particularly stock exchange transactions, which are otherwise covered. The entire list of exceptions, however, has not yet been determined.

A flood of amendments to except certain necessities from the new tax was ward off by Frederic Francois Marsal, the finance minister, who declared: "There is a necessity that dominates all others—it is that of enabling France to honor her signature."

### SURE HIS APPOINTMENT WILL PLEASE CANADA

London, April 23.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, speaking at Sunderland, said that nobody as far as he knew questioned the prime minister's wisdom in appointing him to the high and difficult post of chief secretary to Ireland. The appointment would be gratifying to the dominions, especially Canada, which has always followed his career with great interest.

"My appointment is without qualification, reserve or limitation. I have the fullest powers any chief secretary ever enjoyed. I have no reason to think there will be any difficulty in having my views adopted by the cabinet," stated Sir Hamar. The Manchester Guardian says that the chief secretary stopped at that point. It further remarks that the audience were quite in the dark as to what Sir Hamar's views are. The Guardian, however, has already admitted that the new chief secretary will likely win his bye-election.

### WINNIPEG'S MILK CONSUMPTION

Winnipeg, April 23.—Five million gallons of 70,000,000 gallons of milk produced in Manitoba last year were consumed in Winnipeg, according to a city health department report. Sixty thousand cows are required to satisfy Winnipeg's requirements, the report continues. On a population of 200,000, the annual per capita allowance of milk would be 25 gallons, and butter 23 pounds.

## DOCTOR'S SLAYER APPEARS IN COURT

Has Neither Counsel Nor Funds, and Two Lawyers Assigned to Defend Him.

New York, April 23.—Faltering, shabbily dressed and with a week's growth of beard on his pale face, Thomas W. Simpkins, formerly of Calgary, Alberta, was arraigned today on an indictment charging him with murder in the first degree for shooting Dr. James Wright Markoe last Sunday, as the distinguished surgeon was passing the plate in fashionable St. George's Church.

In a weak, quivering voice the indignant printer, who is said to have escaped from five insane asylums, acknowledged that he had neither counsel nor the funds to engage one. He hesitated a full minute when asked if he wanted the court to assign counsel to defend him, then in a tone scarcely audible, he said:

"Yes, sir."

Former Assistant District Attorney Neilson Olcott and Joseph S. Rosalsky were assigned, and pleading in his case was postponed until next Monday.

Immediately afterwards Rosalsky conferred with the accused man regarding his defense. Simpkins at once drew out a corn cob pipe and shrouded the conference in clouds of smoke.

## OSGOODE HALL NEWS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

First divisional court, Monday, April 26, 1920, at 11 a.m., peremptory list: Lazard v. Union Bank; C.P.R. v. Sparks; Sparks v. C.P.R.; Maize v. Gundry; re Burgess estate.

Judgments will be delivered at the opening of court on Monday, 26th inst., in the following cases: Rex v. Coppen; Elliott v. Hewitson; Marks v. Toronto Railway; Coleman v. Powell; re Toronto General Trusts v. McConkey; Routley v. German; Muehl v. Benjamin.

Masters' Chambers.

Before J. A. C. Cameron, Master. Re Guggenberger; C. P. Smith for Confederation Life moved for order for payment into court of amount of policy on payment in company to be relieved of further liability. J. Haveson, K.C., for Nonsuch, v. Hattin for Julia Erb. Order made. Usual statutory notice to be given. Costs fixed at \$19.10.

Hatch v. Nukol; D. O'Connell, K.C., for defendant, Nukol Fuel Co., moved for order striking out party defendant. H. E. Manning for defendant, Warren Lieberman (Lennox & Co.) for plaintiff. Motion dismissed. Costs to plaintiff as against Nukol Fuel Co.; in the cause as against defendant Warren.

Judge's Chambers.

Before Logie, J.

Hicks v. Cooper; R. G. Smythe for plaintiff obtained order vacating his pendens.

Re M. M. Patterson and W. M. Warrington; W. R. Smyth, K.C., for Margaret M. Patterson, moved for order declaring costs in this matter shall be allowed by way of commission under rule 663; T. Frank Slattery for Warrington consent. Order as asked.

Re Morden Paper Box Co.; A. H. Boddy (Brentford) for P. H. Secord, petitioner, obtained order winding up company. Reference to J. A. C. Cameron, O.R. Toronto General Trusts Co. in liquidators.

Van Putter v. Van Patter; W. R. Smyth, K.C., for plaintiff, appealed from master in chambers, April 20, 1920, dismissing motion to change venue from Barrie to Toronto. W. Law for defendant. Appeal dismissed with costs.

Wagstaff v. Cook; G. R. Munro for plaintiff moved for order directing sheriff of Brant County to replevy to plaintiff a team of sorrel horses and ten thousand black currant bushes. E. R. Reed (Brentford) for defendant. Order made. Bond in treble the value. Currant bushes to be returned.

Re James Burns estate; A. E. Collins for John Gaffney obtained order relieving personal representatives of estate of James Burns and appointing Chartered Trust and Executor Co. as administrators.

Rex v. Townsend; J. I. Grover for T. J. Townsend moved to quash conviction by Police Magistrate at Bridgeburg, 9th March, 1920, for breach of Ontario Temperance Act. P. P. Brennan for magistrate. Order quashing conviction and protecting magistrate.

Re Bridge Burns; A. B. Collins for J. Gaffney, obtained order appointing Chartered Trusts and Executor Co. committee.

Re Rosen & Canadian Order of Chosen Friends; L. Lee (Hamilton) for a society moved to pay money into court. B. C. Cattanach for absconder. D. J. P. Kelly for claimant, Ida Rosen. W. D. M. Shorey for claimant, Sophie Rosenberg. Order to go in terms of consent minutes.

Re William Jamieson; J. Hales for J. A. Jamieson, petitioner, obtained order dispensing with payment of money into court and transferring same to him as administrator and discharging him as committee and for cancellation of bond.

Re Alfred Lee estate; W. C. Davidson for administratrix moved to approve and confirm sale of property in Barrie and for payment of infant's money into court. F. W. Harcourt, K.C., for infant. Upon proving death of life tenant, order to go.

Re Sullivan and Trainmen; Re Bullock; re Good; re Waters; re Ward; re Summerhays; F. W. Harcourt, K.C., official guardian, obtained order in these matters for infants.

Before Middleton, J.

Re Crawford; Reke v. Harvey; W. S. Morphy (Brimpton) obtained ex parte order confirming report of local master at Brampton. Payment into court dispensed with. Plaintiff's solicitor undertaking to distribute among parties entitled.

Before Orle, J.

Re Rainville infants; G. M. Jarvis for father of infants obtained order for issue of writ of habeas corpus to produce children before judge at Halleybury.

Weekly Court.

Before Logie, J.

Re McDonough estate; J. G. Schall for Toronto General Trusts Corporation, executors of M. A. McDonough, A. C. Kingston for Synod of Diocese of Niagara, D. J. Macdonald for residuary legatees and others in same interest. P. W. Harcourt, K.C., for two infants.

Judgment. I think both objections to the validity of appointment by testatrix must fail. I hold that the power of appointment conferred by the testator on his wife has been validly and effectively exercised in favor of the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, and that the Synod takes the land in fee simple subject only to section 19 of R.S.O. c. 103, s. 1, which says that the land is to be conveyed to her in the Town of Thorold and that the devise to her did not lapse. Costs of all parties as between solicitor and client out of the estate.

Re G.W.V.A. (Thorold Branch) and Rev. Canon F. C. Piper; G. H. Pettit for G.W.V.A., purchasers, A. C. Kingston for rector and wardens and Diocese of Niagara. Judgment: I hold that the lands in question are vested in the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara in fee simple, and that the synod alone

subject to its bylaws and statutes can convey the same to the purchasers.

At Trial.

Before Orle, J.

Commercial Finance v. Stratford; P. J. Hughes for plaintiff. H. Moore for defendant. Action to recover possession of a motor car upon which defendants claim a lien for repairs. Judgment dismissing action and declaring defendant entitled to lien for \$50.47. The defendant is also to have costs of action and counterclaim. Fifteen days' stay.

Tidwell v. Canadian Kodak; Appeal dismissed with costs.

Rex v. Carroll; Application for stated case dismissed.

Jamieson v. Ottawa Electric; Judgment at trial reduced to \$500. Defendant to have half costs of appeal.

Re Russell & Sutton; Appeal allowed with costs.

C.P.R. v. Ryan; Adjourned to May 3.

Denies That He Had Said  
R. B. Russell Would Be Freed

Winnipeg, April 23.—Denial that he had said that R. B. Russell was to be released from Stony Mountain Penitentiary by the Dominion authorities is contained in a wire from V. R. Midgeley of Vancouver, received Thursday night by James Law, secretary of the Winnipeg defence committee.

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### MANY MEN POSTED TO THE CIVIL SERVICE

Ottawa, April 23.—(By Canadian Press).—The following appointments to the civil service are announced by the civil service commission: Chief division of venereal disease control, department of health, A. Grant Fleming, M.B. Toronto; assistant chemist, food and drugs branch, department of health, Rob Roy McGregor, Ottawa; steam power plant engineer, department of public works, Wm. J. McInch, Ottawa; poultry husbandman, department of agriculture, A. G. Taylor, Macdonald College P.O.; collector of customs at Orillia, Gordon Millar, Orillia, Ont.; aeronautical justice office, air board, Frank C. Wiggins, Ottawa.

### REQUIRED 395 SHELLS TO KILL ONE MAN

Paris, April 23.—Dr. Merche, a member of the French Academy of Medicine, after an extended investigation, has determined that during the period of five months in 1917, a total of 2,690,000 shells fell on the front of the three French armies. The shells, according to Dr. Merche, killed 13-25 men and wounded 55,412. According to his figures, it took a total of 395 shells to kill one man and half as many to wound one.

### GOUIN SAILS MAY 14.

Quebec, April 23.—In a letter written to Hon. L. A. Taschereau, acting premier and attorney-general of the province, Sir Lomer Gouin announces that he will sail on May 14 from Liverpool on board the Minnedosa.

### LUMBER SHIP IS WRECK

St. John, N.B., April 23.—Word received here is that the three-masted schooner Samuel Castner Jr., Captain Thomas W. Clark, which left St. John last Saturday for New York with 132,606 feet of spruce boards, had struck on Swan's Island, Maine, and is a total loss.

### OBJECT TO EXHUMATION OF UNITED STATES DEAD

Paris, April 23.—Objections by the people of Brest to the exhumation and shipment to the United States of the bodies of Americans who died there during the war has led to an inquiry by members of the chamber of deputies into the conditions under which the work is being done. Bodies are also being received constantly from next of kin of men buried in France, asking that the bodies be allowed to remain.

### Factions at Anhui, China, Slaughtering Each Other

Amoy, China, April 23.—There has been fierce fighting between factions of the southern troops in the Anhui district and the city of Anhui, had changed hands three times in the past week. The soldiers are looting the country. It is reported that more than a thousand persons have been killed. Hundreds of the inhabitants of the Anhui region are fleeing to Amoy. All of the interior districts are unsettled. It is probable that the Anhui faction will march against General Chen.

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TO EXPERIMENT WITH SOVIETS.  
Milan, April 23.—The Italian Socialist National Council yesterday decided to make an experiment with the soviet form of government in all large Italian cities where the proletariat is well organized.