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HUERTA SAID TO BE AGGRESSIVE

Blockade of Tampico Ordered Is a Report

WITH THE MEDIATORS

The Situation Today at Niagara Falls—Mexico City Reports Federal Battle With Constitution

(Canadian Press.) Washington, June 4.—Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy department, sent a cablegram to Rear Admiral Bagger, late last night informing him of a report that Huerta's minister of war had ordered the Federal gunboats to blockade Tampico.

Niagara Falls, June 4.—While waiting to hear from General Carranza, whether he would send delegates to the conference here, the mediators planned today to continue their work as would not be affected by the Constitutionalist answer.

Another Battle. Mexico City, June 4.—More than eighty Constitutionalist soldiers were killed and a large number wounded in a fierce engagement which took place yesterday at Lapuerta, in Southern Michoacan, according to a communication by the interior department.

RURAL TROLLEY SERVICE

Some Local Suggestions After a Visit To Boston

A suburbanite, who has recently returned from Boston, has drawn the attention of the secretary of the board of trade to the undeveloped possibilities about St. John for an extended suburban trolley service.

"Just look," said he, "at what we miss here by having no trolley-car service to Robesay. What a pleasure it would give to the jaded resident of the dusty city if he could get a car trip like this into the country. What a comfort it would be to the tired suburbanite; what a revelation of natural beauty for the visiting tourist; what an impetus to suburban residential development.

A. B. FARMER, TAX REFORM MAN, LIBERAL CANDIDATE

Toronto, June 4.—A. B. Farmer, tax reform advocate, who recently announced himself as a candidate for seat "A" in North West Toronto at the provincial elections received the Liberal nomination.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—A widespread depression exists from Alberta to the Great Lakes, while pressure is highest in Eastern Canada. Rain has fallen almost generally from the Rocky Mountains to Western Quebec.

Maritime.—Moderate to fresh south to southeast winds, showers tonight and on Friday.

New England.—Rain tonight and Friday, moderate to fresh east to south.

Terms of Lease For Canada Nail and Wire Company Approved In Committee

The lease of the city lots between Union, lower and Charlotte streets, west St. John to Canada Nail & Wire Works for a site for their nail plant was approved by the common council in committee this morning and will be ratified at a subsequent meeting of the council.

A delegation from the commissioners of the county hospital was to have been heard regarding the proposal to erect the building of brick instead of wood but the members of the delegation grew tired of waiting and left before the council had concluded its other business.

The council came to order at 12.10, Mayor Frink presiding with Commissioners Wigmore, Russell and Potts, the common clerk and Recorder Baxter present. F. E. Marven was present in the interests of the nail company.

The first business was the consideration of the terms of the lease of lots between Union, lower and Charlotte streets, west St. John, owned by the city, to the Canada Nail & Wire Company as a site for their proposed plant.

When the location of the lots was taken up it was shown that the site provided did not include all the existing buildings. It was also shown that the street railway encroaches on lots owned by W. E. Scully and the city. It was found necessary to leave a thirty foot strip in front of the lots to provide for an approach. The site would be 300 feet on the front and 215 feet deep.

Commissioner McLellan said that this only lacked thirty-five feet in the width of the total area purchased from Sleeth, Quilman & Company, and the Gordon Nail Works.

The section was adopted, Commissioner McLellan opposing. The term of the lease was fixed as fourteen years from June 1. The rental was made \$800 a year for seven years and \$700 a year thereafter.

Commissioner Russell said that the city engineer's estimate was \$1,000. The amendment carried on the vote of Commissioners McLellan, Wigmore and Frink.

SEEKING INDUSTRIES FOR ST. JOHN; FERTILIZER COMPANY IS COMING

The secretary of the board of trade, who has been carrying on a correspondence with the United States Steel Corporation with a view to their establishing a plant at St. John, has received a communication stating that the corporation has acquired a property at Ojibway, near Sandwich, Ont., and that they propose erecting their Canadian plant at that point.

Recognizing the possibilities that exist here for the establishment of a plant for the manufacture of gypsum products, Mr. Armstrong has been making enquiries on the subject. He has received a letter from a prominent fertilizer company in the New England States, in which they say that it is the company's intention in the very near future to make arrangements to establish a fertilizer plant in or near St. John, and that it is also intended to open a salesroom and general office in this city.

NOW TO PROBE DUGAL CHARGES

Commission Meets to Organize—Some of the Witnesses Likely to be Called

The first session of the royal commission appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the charges preferred by L. A. Dugal, is in progress this afternoon in the court house, the session commencing at 2.30 o'clock.

The members of the commission are Hon. H. A. McKenna, of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, chairman; W. S. Fisher, of Emerson & Fisher, Ltd., and Hon. W. W. Wells, former judge of the county courts of Westmorland and Albert, with George M. McEade as secretary.

Mr. Dugal, who arrived in the city last evening, has as his legal counsel, Frank B. Carvell, M. P., for Carleton county, Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., St. John, P. J. Hughes of Fredericton and W. Stevens, K. C., of Edmundston. Mr. Stevens was not present today, but will be associated with the others in the later proceedings.

The Premier Fleming, who arrived in St. John last evening to be present at the two-thirds vote of the common council, but amended his motion to make the rental subject to the award of a board of valuers.

The next section provided that after four years the city might terminate the lease upon giving one year's notice, and paying the company the appraised value of the buildings and improvements, not to exceed \$20,000, and the appraised value of the cost of removing and re-installing the machinery, not to exceed \$10,000.

The lease was then adopted as a whole. Mayor Frink remarked that the whole action of the council seemed unjust. The city had purchased this land for \$16,000, and afterwards refused to lease it to Mr. Gordon and now leased it to another company. Other cities, notably Toronto, were facing the problem of finding sufficient room for the harbor frontage and St. John faced the same problem. He was surprised that the commissioners who were aldermen at the time of the purchase should take this course.

HOUSE DESTROYED, ENGINE DID NOT DO ITS WORK WELL

The necessity for more efficient and up-to-date fire apparatus was shown at a fire which this morning destroyed the house of Charles Fisher, Spear Cove Road. No. 5 engine was on the scene soon, and although connections were made with a pond about 100 yards distant, but a faint stream of water was all that the engine would produce. Not until No. 4 engine had arrived from City Road and a generous stream was poured on to the burning building was the fire got under control. The house, which has been completed and newly furnished only recently, is almost a total loss. The damage is estimated at \$1,200, with no insurance.

The origin of the fire is not known. Mr. Fisher was at his work and Mrs. Fisher and her two small children and Mr. Fisher's brother, William, were in the house when the fire was first seen. An alarm was sent in from box 124 and No. 2 chemical engine was the first to respond.

The blaze started in the second story of the house when the apparatus had arrived. The fire got under control. The house, which has been completed and newly furnished only recently, is almost a total loss. The damage is estimated at \$1,200, with no insurance.

Just Before the Final Plunge; The Ill-fated Empress



An artist's conception of the scene during the awful fourteen minutes that the liner remained above the surface after being rammed. A great hole is shown in the port side amidships. Through it the water rushed like a cataract, while boats are being lowered and pulled away from the side of the ship. In the drawing the ship followed the telegraphed description of the scene as closely as possible.

Funerals of Twelve of Empress Dead Held Today in Quebec

Streets Thronged By People as Bodies of Five Are Escorted From Irish Church and Seven From Anglican Cathedral

(Canadian Press.) Quebec, June 4.—Marching to music of military bands, passing along the entire route between double rows of sorrowing spectators, hundreds of maistres, representing every class of society, from the very royal party to the humblest of toilers, followed the bodies of twelve of the Empress victims to church and cemetery this morning.

Flags were flying at half staff over public buildings, as well as over a large number of commercial and private places, and during last evening the Irish Catholic church, where the bodies lay, and the Anglican Cathedral where there were seven, were thronged with plying people.

In the Anglican Cathedral the service this morning was attended by many. Those whose friends were from this church were William Williams, trimmer; V. Petersen, carpenter; E. Blaine, H. Newham and H. Perry, stewards; G. J. Thompson, a plumber, and Mrs. E. Jones, stewardess. They were interred in Mount Hermon cemetery, while the victims whose funerals were from the Irish Catholic Church were taken to the parish cemetery. They were Michael McGilgus, chief fireman; H. O'Neill, fireman; James Murphy, Parkinson, steward.

Former Commander at Funeral. His Royal Highness was officially represented by Captain Buller, his A. D. C. Sir Francis Langelier, lieutenant governor, attended with Captain Victor Pelletier, his A. D. C. The federal government was represented by Hon. Mr. Perley, while the provincial government was represented by Sir Lomer Gouin and members of the cabinet, Hon. J. C. Kane, Mayor Drouin with the council in a body, followed the cortege. The P. R. was represented by G. J. P. Moore, local manager, and Captain Walsh, Captain Murray, Quebec harbor master, former commander of the Empress of Ireland, attended the funeral. Among other C. P. R. officials present were J. A. Webber of Montreal and Fred McMahon, manager of the Hotel Chateau Frontenac.

A moving scene was noticed at the Anglican Cathedral when the organist at the quietest moment of the ceremony played the Titanic hymn, "Nearer My God To Thee." The solemnity of the scene appalled the hundreds of sorrow-stricken mourners.

NEW SHAMROCK OUT TO STRETCH HER SAILS

Lipton Challenger Seems to Impress Observers Favorably

Portsmouth, Eng., June 4.—Shamrock IV, Sir Thomas Lipton's new challenger for the America's Cup, went out today for her first sail stretching spin in the vicinity of Spithead. She was accompanied by the Shamrock III. The wind was light and fluky and quite inadequate to test the capabilities of the challenger.

Under her huge mainsail and her sloop foresail she maneuvered handsily, however, and picked up way quickly after tacking. The towering mast of the new yacht quite dwarfed that of the old Shamrock. Sir Thomas Lipton was on board the challenger together with Charles E. Nicholson, her designer and William Burton, an amateur yachtsman, who is to command the Shamrock IV.

Greenwich, June 4.—As a result of her victory yesterday the Yacht Resolute is now the favorite for the cup defense honors. The Defiance, which has been kept out of the present series by ailments, is an uncertain quantity, but experts declare she will have to show marvellous form to defeat the Resolute in the official contests in August.

Though all on board escaped, the Stefansson Arctic ship Karuk, sank six miles north of Herald Island, on January 16.

PATIENCE HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED

Government To Take Grip With Militant Trouble

WHOLESALE ARRESTS

Matter to Be Treated as Vast Conspiracy Against Public Order—No More Releases Under Hunger Strike Game of Wild Women

(Canadian Press.) New York, June 4.—A cable from London to the Tribune says:

"Valid statements in the ministerial newspapers indicate that the end of the militant suffrage movement is now in sight. The government's patience is exhausted, and it feels that it will have the public behind it in drastic measures now in contemplation. It is proposed to treat the whole movement as a vast conspiracy against the public order; wholesale arrests will be made and forcible feeding resorted to in virtually all cases, with no more releases of prisoners under the 'Cat and Mouse Act.'"

The law officers of the crown are considering what action shall be taken against subscribers to the funds of the Women's Social and Political Union, a complete list of these having been discovered in a raid on the militant headquarters at Kingsway. This was hinted at a year ago.

Mrs. Fankhurst is recuperating after her recent hunger strike in a house near Buckingham Palace. The house, being watched continually by the police, who anticipate that a secret attack on the king may be attempted.

NEW NORTH END BANK BUILDING IS OCCUPIED

The North End branch of the Royal Bank of Canada opened for business this morning in their new building in Main street. Yesterday being a holiday, the bank officials took the opportunity to transfer their valuables and office furniture. Their new office is a thoroughly up to date building with a large skylight, giving good light to all parts. The fixtures are of good quality and the new home for the North End branch presents a fine appearance within as well as from the street. R. E. Smith will continue to be manager of the branch.

SON OF HON. W. P. JONES MARRIED IN WOODSTOCK

(Special to Times.) Woodstock, N. B., June 4.—A wedding of much interest took place in St. Luke's church this morning at half past six o'clock, when Miss May E. Marley, daughter of Mrs. W. W. Hay, was united in marriage to Charles Jordan Jones, son of Hon. W. P. Jones. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. S. Haell in the presence of a large number of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jones left by auto for Skiff Lake, where they will spend their honeymoon.

NEW KING OF ALBANIA GIVES UP; MEANWHILE BALKAN PEACE THREATENED

Paris, June 4.—The chancelleries of Europe have decided to accept the abdication of King William of Albania, and are now casting about for a Moldavian prince to take his place. Revolt is spreading in Albania, and the peace of the Balkans is threatened.

FORMER EDITOR OF THE PALL MALL GAZETTE PASSES AWAY

London, June 4.—Sir Douglas Strath, honorary treasurer of the Newspaper Society and of the Institute of Journalists, died last night, aged 70. He was editor of the Pall Mall Gazette, 1890-1909. For a time he was a noted criminal lawyer and in 1874 was appointed commissioner to inquire into corrupt practices in Boston.

HAVE NO WORD AS TO FINDING FRANK HAMILTON

The body of Frank W. Hamilton of this city, is still amongst the missing in the Empress of Ireland disaster. His father and J. J. Mitchell are in Quebec, but no word was received from them today.

TO AMALGAMATE THREE GREAT JAPANESE LINES

London, June 4.—The Shipping Gazette learns that an agreement has been reached for the amalgamation of three great Japanese lines, the Nippon Yusen, Osaka Shosen, and Toyo Kisen.

THE LABOR SITUATION

Moosajaw, Sask. June 4.—The Trades and Labor Council has been in communication with the minister of the interior regarding the importation of foreign labor when it is they say there is a glut of labor in every industrial center in the Dominion.

BEET GREENWAY SAVED

Montreal, June 4.—The name of Bert Greenway of Toronto, a second cabin passenger on the Empress of Ireland, was added by the C. P. R. yesterday to the list of survivors.

NINETY GUINEAS PER CENT

London, June 4.—It is announced that formal notice has been tendered to the London underwriters of the abandonment of the Empress of Ireland. Some underwriters were ready yesterday to re-insure against the risk of total loss at ninety guineas per cent.

ANYTHING MAY HAPPEN AMONG THE HINDUS

Food Runs Short and Situation Grows More Serious. Vancouver, June 4.—Affairs on the steamer Komagata Maru are now in a blaze. In the last few days provisions have been running short. The crew have abundance but the Hindu passengers, it is said, have been put on short rations. It is understood they have no money to buy fresh stores and it is reported the master of the ship and agents are unable to furnish them.

They held a meeting last night and decided to go on a hunger strike. They sent telegrams to the king and to the viceroy of India stating that the Hindus were starving and asking for help. Those on board are being egged on by a fanatical priest and are ready for anything.

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