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FINE DROMOCTO RESIDENCE BURNED

Home of Robert Smith Totally Destroyed—Loss About \$4,000—Two Youths Plead Guilty to Theft, and Got Off Easily.

Fredericton, Jan. 19.—While Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, of Dromocto, were in the city this morning their residence, one of the finest homes in Dromocto, was destroyed by fire. Nothmore were successful in saving about all the furniture, but the house itself is a total loss. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is presumed that there was some trouble with the heating apparatus. The loss is \$4,000, and is well insured.

Two months in the Sunbury county jail at Burton was the sentence meted out to Leavitt and Murphy, the two young men who robbed A. A. Mott's store at Fredericton Junction, when they appeared before Judge Wilson at Burton yesterday afternoon. The prisoners elected to be tried under the Speedy Trials Act, pleaded guilty, and were forthwith sentenced. Leavitt and Murphy were arrested in St. John some days ago after they had robbed the till of the store and taken therefrom upwards of \$14. In pleading guilty, the prisoners, who are only about twenty years old, intimated that they had been beating their way, and hunger forced them to commit the theft. The stolen money has been returned to Mr. Mott.

HARRY FAIRWEATHER, OF SUSSEX, DROWNED AT PETERBORO, ONT.

Sussex, Jan. 19.—(Special)—Harry Fairweather, son of H. Fairweather, of Sussex, was drowned at Peterboro, Ont., yesterday morning. No further particulars have been received. The case is particularly sad, as he leaves a young wife and an infant, but eight days. The mother and infant are in Sussex, she having been spending some time here.

LOCAL NEWS

Correspondents who send letters to the Semi-Weekly Telegraph and who wish to have them returned if they are not printed, must send stamps for return postage.

Miss Nora Carter, of Lancaster Heights, who recently passed the civil service examinations in typewriting and stenography, left for Ottawa last week to take a position in the law clerk department.

Friends of Harry H. McDonald, formerly of this city and at one time a member of the Telegraph staff, will be interested in learning of his wedding to Mrs. M. Rounds, which took place at Garden, Utah, a couple of weeks ago. Mr. McDonald has been engaged in newspaper work in Salt Lake City for several years, and his marriage took place on the eve of his departure for San Francisco, where he has accepted a responsible position on one of the big dailies.

HOPEWELL HILL NOTES

Hopewell Hill, Jan. 15.—Last week at the observance of the week of prayer at the Albert Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Kirby, was prevented from conducting the service, owing to illness. The service, from which, however, his friends are glad to know, he is recovering, on Thursday evening, the services were led by Miss S. C. Murray, who is an attractive speaker.

Rev. Mr. Marshall, of Sackville, superintendent of Methodist missions, preached at the Albert circuit on Sunday, delivering exceedingly interesting discourses.

While here the reverend gentleman was the guest of his son-in-law, Principal Secombe, of the Riverside Consolidated School.

Miss Jennie Prescott, of Albert, and Miss Reita Fowles, of Hopewell Cape, have returned to Wulville, to resume their studies at the Acadia institutions.

Miss Laura Bray, who has been boarding at Albert, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Hawkins, at the Hill.

Miss Vera Woodworth, who has lately been living in Cape Breton, is visiting her old home at Chemung Road.

Ora Milton returned on Saturday from Toronto, where she has been attending the agricultural college.

F. J. Newcomb, railway mail clerk of St. John, came to this city some here on Saturday, and returned today, accompanied by his wife who has been spending a couple of weeks in the village.

Mrs. Urah Fuller, of Albert, has been quite ill, but is now improving.

FEAR MASSACRE IN PEKING TODAY

Legations Taking Precautions

Emperor's Abdication is Likely to Lead to Manchu Uprising

China's Capital in a State of Terror, and Many Are Preparing to Flee, Whilst Many Prominent Men Are in Hiding—Premier Yuan Guarded by His Picked Men.

Canadian Press. Peking, Jan. 19.—The foreign legations are preparing for trouble in Peking tomorrow. In question of the abdication of the throne will be discussed by the empress dowager and the princes, but it is not thought that Yuan Shi Kai will take part in the conference. A rising in the capital has been looked for many times in the past few months, and precautions have been taken in anticipation of it. It is expected that the Manchu irascibles would unite in a measure when all hope for the administration had vanished.

A placard posted tonight indicates that the Manchu threats may be fulfilled. It calls upon the British and Chinese to resist the abdication of the emperor to the death. The street near the office of the Chinese foreign board, which Yuan Shi Kai resides, is heavily guarded by the emperor's own men, of whom it is said there are 3,000.

Many Chinese, who have not yet deserted the city are preparing for flight tomorrow, and prominent followers of Yuan Shi Kai are taking refuge in the suburbs. Some homes tonight, hoping that in the event of a massacre they will not be found.

Yuan's Loyalty Doubtful.

The charges that Yuan Shi Kai has been disloyal to the Manchus although pretending to support them are attracting the attention of foreigners as well as the Chinese. Some of the revolutionaries have long been saying that he was working for the overthrow, not the salvation of his country, and that he had been thought that this charge was designed to discredit the premier with the Manchus.

Others charge Yuan Shi Kai with working for his own interests, as well as the Manchus, and that he is bent upon becoming dictator if he did not assume the throne. The imperialists, who distrust him, point out that he has persistently withdrawn his army, although the cause of imperialist troops could easily disperse the untrained rebel volunteers. It is also said that the withdrawal of the army from Hankow was at Yuan Shi Kai's orders.

Even after obtaining sufficient money from the empress dowager and the princes for a month's campaign and after a respite from the risk of loss during the three hours which, it is estimated, will be required for the transfer, the actual work of protection devolves upon the city guard and police, which is the only force.

The surety company called the policy a "hold-up and robbery policy" and receives \$300 for the risk.

RUSSELL DROPS SUIT AGAINST GREENSHIELDS

Order Entered in Toronto Court Discontinuing Famous Case.

Canadian Press. Toronto, Jan. 18.—The suit brought by David Russell, of Montreal, against Jas. N. Greenshields of the same city, has met a sudden end. Voluntary discontinuance had been written in the case, and the pleadings, with exceptions for discovery, are a small library in themselves.

The end came in an order by Master in Chambers Cartwright, which says in part: "Having read the application of the defendant and having heard the consent of the plaintiff's solicitors, etc., and then follows the brief declaration that the action 'be and is hereby dismissed, the plaintiff to pay all costs.'

Mr. Russell recovered \$1,250,000 damages and an accounting of all money alleged to have been received by Mr. Greenshields from the Canadian Northern for the release of the railway's claims they both had to western lands.

COAL OPERATORS AND MINERS TO CONFER ON WAGE SCHEDULE

Pittsburg, Jan. 18.—Coal operators of Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania, today in session, accepted the invitation of President John P. White, of the United Mine Workers of America, for a joint wage conference on Jan. 25 at Indianapolis, provided the conference is restricted to eight operators and eight miners from each of the states represented.

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE IN BRITISH STORM

President Taft Frees Convicted "Ice King"

Fifty-Three Drown in One Wreck

Captain and Three Men Lone Survivors of Disaster

Canadian Press. Aberdeen, Scotland, Jan. 18.—Fifty-three of the crew of the British steamer Wierow Hall were drowned this morning when the steamer, founded on the Bullers of Buchan, off the coast of Aberdeenshire. Only Captain Stoddard and three of the crew reached shore.

The Wierow had a terrible experience in a gale. Captain Stoddard, who was resuscitated after a long period of unconsciousness, relates a story of extraordinary tempestuous weather from the time leaving the Tyne on Monday. The vessel got into difficulties Wednesday, when two of the crew were mortally injured. The captain himself had his spine hurt and his arm broken, confining him to his cabin. Finally the crew were extinguished and the vessel was at the mercy of the sea.

A few minutes before she struck the steamer, which was on the rocks. He was washed overboard and remained floating until he recovered consciousness in the cottage where he is now lying.

Captain Stoddard was making his first voyage as commander of the regular steamer. After Monday the crew had no food or drink, and many of them had died of starvation, not daring to venture to the shore for supplies. The scene from the shore was harrowing. The vessel soon broke up and the crew were scattered. Nothing could be done to help the men, and in a short time all disappeared except the four who were carried by the sea to shore.

Joe-Bound Fishermen Escape.

Curlew, Nfld., Jan. 18.—While all the eighteen vessels of the Gloucester fishing fleet which were imprisoned by ice at the Bay of Islands are believed now to be clear of the ice fields and well started on their return home, seven vessels of the fleet are still at Boone Bay. The latter have little chance of getting clear until the United States revenue cutters Greedian and An-droogoon, which are on their way here, are able to smash a channel through the ice pack. As none of the vessels which left the Bay of Islands yesterday have returned they are supposed to have been successful in their dash for liberty. A heavy north wind which washed the ice field off shore so that no ice was to be seen at the Bay of Islands when the fishermen put out and they probably rounded Cape St. George by midnight, which they would have little further trouble from the ice.

Terrible Tale of Disaster.

London, Jan. 18.—The gale which still continues in some parts of the United Kingdom has been the most severe in a long period. About 100 lives have been sacrificed by shipwrecks and accidents, and it is feared that the tale of disaster is not yet complete.

On the Aberdeen coast the weather has been particularly wild. A large steamer was seen to disappear today. It may have put out to sea, which is feared, or it has been wrecked. Two other wrecks are reported along that coast, of which no details can be obtained.

Another vessel was seen to founder yesterday, and it is supposed to have been an Aberdeen collier with fourteen hands.

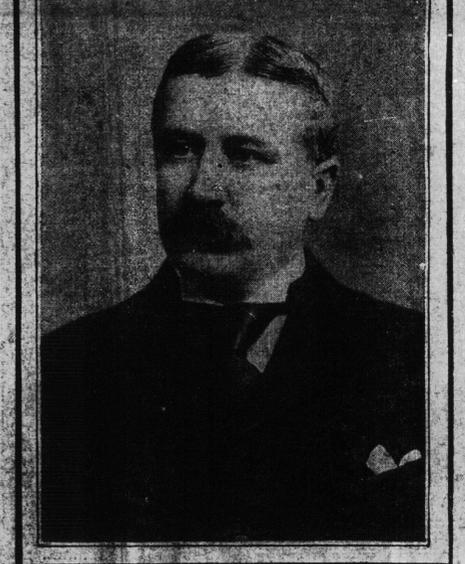
Nothing has been heard of the steamship which was seen to be wrecked on the Yorkshire coast a day or two ago, and a boat washed ashore at Ramsay, Isle of Man, appears to indicate the wreck of a large vessel. These disasters are in addition to many small wrecks on various coasts, involving a few lives each.

TRYING TO FLOAT WRECKED STEAMER LADY LAURIE

Special to The Telegraph. Halifax, Jan. 18.—The government steamer Lady Laurier, beached at Perry Point, was reported this afternoon to have settled somewhat, and the marine department officials say they would not be surprised if tonight at high tide the steamer's stern were covered by water.

A despatch tonight states that rescue steamer Montgomery is alongside and the tugboat which she took down had started working. Captain Travis will report the result in the morning. The government steamer Aberdeen sailed tonight for Perry Point with a four-mast pump, an additional ten-inch pump and two divers.

C. H. Harvey, agent of the marine department, expressed confidence that the Lady Laurier will be floated and brought to Halifax.



CHAS. W. MOORE, PRESIDENT OF THE ARMY.

WINSTON CHURCHILL NOT TO BE INTIMIDATED

Declares He Will Speak at Belfast Notwithstanding Unionist Threats to Prevent Him—Ulster Women Issue a Call to Arms—One London Paper Wants First Lord of Admiralty Arrested So as to Prevent a Breach of the Peace.

Canadian Press. London, Jan. 18.—The threats by the Orangemen to break up the Home Rule meeting at Belfast on Feb. 8 have greatly alarmed the London press. The Unionist newspapers today appealed to Chief Secretary Burrell to call off the event and "prevent bloodshed."

The Daily Express seriously suggests the arrest and detention of Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, on the ground that the speech he is to deliver will provoke a breach of the peace.

Mr. Churchill has replied that he will not be intimidated by any threats and that he will speak in support of Home Rule if the meeting is held.

Mr. Churchill has promised to outline at the meeting the Home Rule measure which will be introduced into parliament when it reassembles next month.

Ulster is getting ready for a first class riot on the 8th prox. The action of the Ulster Unionist council on Tuesday night in passing resolution "to take steps to prevent a meeting being held" is accepted as a game of battle by the Nationalists, who now insist that Mr. Churchill and Mr. Burrell must not be intimidated by threats of lawlessness.

The lord mayor of Belfast states that in his long experience of Ulster he does not remember a time when feeling ran so high.

Ulster Women Take a Hand. Belfast, Jan. 18.—Fifty thousand women members of the Ulster Unionist Association have issued today a fiery manifesto to their sisters in Great Britain to aid them in defeating the Home Rule bill.

The Duchess of Abercorn presided at the meeting of the council of the Ulster Unionist Association which adopted the manifesto to the women of Great Britain. In the course of a speech she said: "We will not have Home Rule and if we are thrown out of our heritage we shall stand by our menfolk resisting to the uttermost the domination of a rebel parliament in Dublin."

The manifesto declares the Unionist determination to hold Ulster for the empire and asserts that Home Rule "will reduce the whole country to the rags and poverty which are found in Ireland only in those districts where the rule of the Nationalist League is supreme."

Little Chance for Richeson to Escape the Chair

Boston, Jan. 18.—The fifteen days' respite granted to Siles N. Phelps of Monro-Bridge, the condemned murderer of Deputy Sheriff Euphet F. Haskins, failed to bring him commutation, through the inaction of the governor-in-council today, and he will die some time next week.

Governor Foss, who obtained the respite for Phelps from the 1911 council, found the new council strongly opposed to clemency. His attitude on the death penalty is regarded as having an unfavorable bearing on any similar petition from Clarence T. Richeson also under sentence of death.

Will Not Go to Washington. Ottawa, Jan. 18.—It is announced that the Duke of Connaught, who goes to New York on Monday, will not extend his trip to Washington to visit the president.

"FLAG FLAPPERS" SQUIRM IN SEATS

Italy Still Holds Seized French Steamer

Tory Misuse of Union Jack Aired

Pugsley and Emerson Tell How It Was Exploited in Last Election

Conservative Bill to Prevent It Being Used for Advertising Purposes Gives Liberals a Chance to Show Up Tactics of Their Opponents—Opposition Scores Point in Head-Hunting Inquiry.

Special to The Telegraph. Ottawa, Jan. 18.—It is a dull day indeed that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers do not take a round out of the well-filled government benches in the house of commons.

Today it was over the flag. Mr. Bradbury introduced a measure "Respecting the use of flags," and availed himself of the opportunity to rally loudly from his fellow Conservatives by vigorously arraigning the commercial and advertising uses to which the Union Jack was not infrequently put. He proposes to prohibit its use at auction sales and the like, and to prevent its reproduction as an advertising medium on varied brands of merchandise and bill posting.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson gravely complained that he was disappointed that the members of the administration approving the old Union Jack had been put to uses "baser than any he had mentioned. He suggested that the bill should further and prohibit the use of the flag in political contexts."

He recalled to the embarrassment of the government benches, that during the late electoral contest there had been sent out under the auspices of a certain political party, posters and handbills with an unwarranted portrait of the Union Jack and the flag of the United States, the political exploitation of the emblem being completed by the words: "Under which flag?"

Mr. Emmerson characterized such political advertising as an unworthy desecration of the flag. "No political party," said he, "has an exclusive monopoly of the Union Jack. It is the flag of all parties."

Then came Hon. Dr. Pugsley to further add to the discomfort of the government benches. He had rejoined in hearing the members of the administration approving the proposal to take steps to secure respect and loyalty to the Union Jack. Particularly was this the case owing to the government's bill defining the lines of the flag during the election campaign.

Mr. Emmerson said that in order to breathe the air of freedom it had been necessary to "bore holes in the British flag," and that for resending this insult both to the flag and to the empire, one public official had been promptly dismissed from the civil service as soon as the new government took office.

Nothing was forthcoming from the government benches and the bill was given its first reading amid Liberal plaudits.

The battle of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Dr. Pugsley for amendments in the government's bill defining the lines of the Union Jack into the various departments of administration has borne fruit. The minister of justice announced when the house again went into committee on the bill that he would insert a clause giving any official against whom a charge was being investigated the right of being represented by counsel.

ALARMS GERMANY

Government Press Calls on All Parties to Sink Differences and Save the Fatherland.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—Following the failure of the German efforts to arrange the formation of a coalition of all the Nationalist parties in Germany against the Socialist candidates in the second ballots which are to be held from Jan. 29 to Jan. 31, the semi-official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung fills its columns with a series of fervid appeals to the progressive voters. It calls upon them to disregard party orders and to save the fatherland by voting against the Socialists.

The government's anxiety as to the result of the elections is extreme and well founded. A complete breach has occurred between the Radicals and Conservatives with their allies, the members of the Centre, whose seats in the latter parties to wreak vengeance on the Radicals at any cost will throw, in all probability, eleven seats formerly possessed by Radicals into the Socialist's hands, owing to the abstention from voting of the Conservatives and Centreists. The National-Liberal, as was expected, are giving their support to the Conservative and Centre parties against the Socialists.

The second ballots will be held as follows: Jan. 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

QUEBEC GOVERNMENT HAS 37 MAJORITY ON A TEST VOTE

Quebec, Jan. 18.—After a debate lasting eight days the speech from the throne was adopted by the house this afternoon, the non-confidence amendment of the opposition being rejected by a strict party vote of 59-13.

Quebec Man Charged With Murder.

Quebec, Jan. 18.—Willie Michael, accused of the murder of C. Olette in a drunken brawl in a lumber camp north of La Tuque last week, was arrested last evening at his mother's home in this city by the provincial police.