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SENSATION IN 'PHONE CASE TODAY

Statement of \$25,000 Stock That Was Never Issued

'WATER' TALKED OF

Mr. Powell Says He Has Sworn Statement From Senator Thompson—Names of Hon. Mr. Blair and Dr. Stockton Mentioned—St. John Earnings 16 or 17 Per Cent?

Little news was brought out at the hearing of the public utility commission this morning in the case of the New Brunswick Telephone Co., until just before the hour adjournment when Mr. Powell, in attempting to examine the stock certificate...

At the afternoon session yesterday the examination of Otty J. Fraser, accountant of the telephone company, was continued and a number of statements of various accounts put in evidence. Before adjournment Mr. Powell said he would like to look over the books of the company, Mr. Barnhill and Mr. Teed objected to Mr. Powell going over the books unless he stated what he wanted.

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Real Estate Account Taking up the real estate account the first item was \$6,034.40 in 1885 for St. John exchange. This was increased to \$7,222.00 in 1894, \$7,383.22 in 1895, \$8,016.78 in 1896 and the same amount up to 1901.

In 1902 there was a depreciation in value to \$7,018.95. This was the year in which the new system was installed and the old equipment discarded; the new equipment going into plant account for 1902 the amount was unchanged. In 1903 there was an increase for additions in St. John, Fredericton, Moncton, Woodstock and St. Stephen amounting to \$13,048.97, making a total of \$45,092.92 to the credit of the account in that year.

In 1904 there was an addition of \$7,353.82 for exchange, making a total of \$52,446.74 and this was increased to \$52,903.83 in 1907. In 1908 the amount was \$53,002.28; in 1909, \$53,557.29; in 1910, \$54,222.00.

Mr. Barnhill said that when the old system was taken out of the St. John exchange and the new one installed, the old instruments were thrown into the street.

Mr. Powell asked for the stock certificate books and they were produced. Mr. Barnhill objected to the books being examined, claiming they were not relevant to the inquiry.

WOMAN ON STAND IN TRIAL OF CAMORRISTS

Maria Stendardo One of Most Interesting Figures in Case—Beauty Her Curse

(Canadian Press)

Viterbo, Italy, Mar. 23.—Maria Stendardo, at whose home, the state alleges the assassins washed their hands of the blood of the Curcioles, was examined by President Bianchi at the trial of the thirty-six Camorristas today.

She is one of the most interesting figures in the case, and the only woman among the prisoners. The charge against her is complicity in the murders and the receipt of stolen goods.

In the course of the investigation the accusation was made that she had bribed witnesses to testify falsely in aid of the defendants. This she denied, asserting that, on the contrary, the witnesses had offered to pay her \$12 for each witness whom she secured to sign a statement prepared by them.

Maria Stendardo, whose defence was a general denial of the charges, is under middle age and retains much of the beauty that in youth resulted in many conquests in the poorer class among whom she was born, and later made her a woman of ease and influence both in the Camorra and in the official life of Naples.

Her home is said to have been a resort of criminals while her friends included men in high places. She is an intimate friend of Nicola Morra, one of the alleged actual murderers of Curciole and his wife and is charged that Morra and his companions went to the woman's home following the murder.

She denied, insisting that it was another instance of manufactured evidence. Ferdinand De Matto, who was accused of having hired Curciole to his death and another prisoner questioned today.

ACTION TAKEN ON ST. JOHN LOG DRIVING COMPANY BILL

Minority Report "Ought to Pass on New Draft" is Adopted by the Maine Legislature

(Special To Times)

By a vote of 11 to 31 on Tuesday afternoon, the Maine legislature adopted the minority report of the committee on draft law for the incorporation of the St. John River Log Driving Company.

Mr. Hervey, referred to the fact that the act is necessary for the log driving interests of Maine. It was a contest between Maine and New Brunswick mill owners for the control of the upper St. John river.

The last seven years, he said, the logs of the Van Buren Lumber company have been carried through the St. John river with the ice to Fredericton and have been manufactured in the mills there.

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I. C. R. SHED AT TIROU IS BURNED

Freight Warehouse Destroyed With \$50,000 to \$75,000 Loss

(Special To Times)

Tirou, March 23.—The I. C. R. freight shed here was destroyed by fire this morning. The shed was well filled with freight and in a very brief time the entire shed was a mass of flames.

At noon the fire in the freight shed still burning. Part of the rails are standing. The loss is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000, mostly English goods.

There are several reports of the origin of the fire. Some say a live wire was the cause, some of the shed was the cause, some of the shed was the cause.

Another large gain The St. John bank, clearing for the week ending last year \$1,282,000; corresponding week last year \$1,208,000.

Funerals The funeral of ex-alderman W. Lewis took place this afternoon at 2:30 from his late residence, 98 St. James street.

Highlanders in New York to Encourage Wearing of Kilts New York, March 23.—(Canadian Press)—Papers were placed here yesterday for the incorporation of the New York Scottish Highlanders...

SERIES OF MISHAPS TO TRAINS ON THE INTERCOLONIAL

One Near Dorchester, One in Nova Scotia and Montreal Train Leaves Track at Dalhousie

(Special To Times)

Moncton, Mar. 23.—Two accidents, fortunately not very serious, as far as damage goes, occurred last night and this morning on the I. C. R. between Moncton and Tirou causing several hours delay to Nos. 9 and 10 express trains.

Between Fallowell and Londonderry, a baggage car of a freight jumped the rails last night, blocking the line but doing little other damage. No. 9 from Halifax was delayed three hours at Londonderry and was hardly clear of the first wreck when the second occurred. The line was closed at 8:20 o'clock.

At 9 o'clock still another wreck on the I. C. R. is reported. No. 34 train due here from Montreal at 10:45 off the track at Dalhousie Junction. The cause is said to be a broken rail. Very little damage to track or train was reported. No. 34 will be delayed about three hours.

The Gypsum Quarry Project on Tobique Some days ago the Times announced a project for opening a gypsum quarry at Plaster Rock, N. B. The Montreal Gazette publishes the following in connection with the matter:—H. F. Timmerman, industrial commissioner of the C. P. R., has just completed an arrangement between the New Brunswick Supply Company, Limited, of Montreal, and the C. P. R. to acquire a tract of a square mile of gypsum deposits at Plaster Rock, N. B.

Another branch of the industry that will receive attention is interest in the forming of a company, not only of New Brunswick, but Ontario and Quebec, viz: the manufacture, upon a large scale, of within any moderate price for purposes of cultivation.

Vignaud Takes Issue With Columbus Story Paris, March 23.—(Canadian Press)—A study of the life and work of Christopher Columbus will be issued on Saturday in two large volumes.

BAR JOHN L. AND KILRAIN IN MONTREAL

Their Boxing Exhibition is Put Under the Ban; International Bouts Before London Club

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, March 23.—John L. Sullivan, once champion heavyweight fighter of the world, and Jake Kilrain, who gave him a terrific battle at Richburg, Miss., twenty-three years ago, have been barred by the police from giving boxing exhibitions in the city. The old timers were performing at a burlesque theatre, giving twice daily an exhibition which lasted less than three minutes.

London, March 23.—Two fights of international interest were pulled off at the Olympic tonight. The first, which brought together Ray Brown, of America, and Sid Burns, an Englishman, was won by the latter, Brown being disqualified in the nineteenth round for hitting low.

In the second contest Jimmy Chabby, an American, defeated Harry Duncan, of London, on points.

Paul Gilmore Company Members Victims of Thieves Trunks Broken Open in Chatham Opera House During Last Night (Special To Times)

Chatham, Mar. 23.—Some members of the Paul Gilmore Stock Company, which played at the Opera House last evening were the victims of a most impudent robbery during the night. Their property and a portion of their personal baggage had been left in the Opera House and this morning was found that some of the boxes had been broken open and articles of wearing apparel and a necklace valued at \$25.00 were missing.

In some cases the locks of the trunks themselves were broken open. The company will leave today for Newcastle.

BLAMES IT ALL UPON THE MAYOR

Magistrate Lays Big Indictment Against New York's Chief Magistrate

(Canadian Press)

New York, March 23.—In a statement to the press issued last night, Magistrate Joseph Corrigan holds Mayor Gaynor responsible for a disorganized condition of the police force and responsible for the prevalent vice and crime in the city. Gaynor, says the magistrate, has curtailed the power of the commissioner, attempting to exercise it himself, and by so doing he has demoralized the force and made easy the way of transgressors.

"The town is by far more open than it was under Devery, there is not the slightest attempt made to enforce the excise laws, there has never been a time when the more serious offenses connected with the social evil furnished with such impunity, gambling houses and pool rooms have increased and now run without molestation except the visit of the collector, graft is rampant and as profitable as it ever was."

The town is infested with starchy beggars, loafers and fresh the scalp and almost unmoaned and take by force, when they can, what is denied to their pleadings; criminals from all over the country have come to New York in droves and ply their vocations here in safety; this more serious crimes, such as murders, shootings, stablings, gang feuds, highway robberies, burglaries, assaults, etc., are committed from the person, grow in number undetected and unpunished.

Death Follows a Fight at Dance Quebec Lumber Jack is Sought in Connection With Death of Farmer Sand Gate, Vermont, March 23.—(Canadian Press)—A search is made for the arrest of Fred Dupuis, a French Canadian lumber jack, aged 30, charged with being responsible for the death of Cyrus Moffat, a farmer, sixty years old.

Last Friday night a country dance developed into a fight during which Dupuis had his skull and jaw fractured. He died yesterday. Dupuis is thought to have gone to his former home in Quebec.

Lawyer Disappears to THE SORROW OF PEOPLE WHO ARE OUT FUNDS Jarvis, Ont., March 23.—(Canadian Press)—Y. Murchok, barrister and prominent church worker, has disappeared. It is estimated that he has mislaid the people of Jarvis and surrounding country a sum ranging from \$25,000 to \$70,000 by notes and mortgages and thefts of cash in amounts ranging from a few hundred dollars to several hundred. Speculations, systematically conducted for years ago, charged.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, Director of Meteorological Service.

9 A. M. WEATHER REPORTS Temperature Past 24 Hours. Max. Min. Dir. Vel.

Toronto... 45 20 N.W. 24 Clear Montreal... 28 18 W. 24 Snow Quebec... 28 18 N.W. 14 Cloudy Chatham... 34 22 E. 18 Snow

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Times' Gallery of Men and Women of Prominence

Count Leo Tolstoy He is the third son of the late philosopher. He has arrived in New York.

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER

THE ROYAL COMMISSION "Well, by Heav!" said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times' new reporter this morning.

He said that if you vote for commission government you're gone have a royal commission to tell you what you want in St. John. Hey! What's 's'pone you, could name that there royal commission right off—could it? One alderman, one official, and somebody else. Nice independent fellows, that's jist 'em! To see the town used 'right. The Standard writes a kick back anything else. I hear there's a kick back by Agar an' Estabrook an' some more of them losses that's tryin' to get a wedge in so's they kin pry city hall open, an' get away with the mayor's robe, an' make a lot of broken stone an' things. When you see a man lookin' around an' askin' questions you want to watch 'em close. He can't be honest. The honest man takes what he gets and says 'nothin'.

ONE OF THE DANGERS.

Mr. Jamez Jones says he is afraid that if the commission plan is adopted in St. John some one of the commissioners will dispose of broken stone and things and the citizens never find it out.

INDIA HAS 315,000,000

Calcutta, March 23.—The final provisional census returns give the population of India as 315,000,000. This is an increase of 29,500,000 as compared with 1901.

NOMINATION IN YORK COUNTY

Proceedings Were Formal—Dickson and Allain Strike Frost; Find Two People Assembled to Hear Them in Support of Hazen Candidate (Special To Times)

Fredericton, Mar. 23.—George F. Burden of Pokok was today nominated by the Liberals and Dr. O. E. Morehouse of the Conservatives to contest the county for the vacancy in the legislature. There were only a few people in attendance at the court house and the proceedings were entirely formal.

WAS MEMBER OF CANADA'S FIRST GOVERNMENT

Port Dover, Ont., March 23.—(Canadian Press)—Peter Lavson, a member of the first government of Canada, after Confederation, died here yesterday. He was more than 90 years old. In his younger days he ran a tannery here.

BIBLES IN HOTELS

Toronto, March 23.—(Canadian Press)—The Upper Canada Bible Society has decided to cooperate with the Old Time Christian Association in an effort to place a Bible in each bedroom in all the hotels in the district over which the Bible Society has jurisdiction. The Bible Society supplies the Bibles and the Old Time Christian Association handles the distribution.

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