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THE MINSTRELS

Wm. W. Shaver, Toronto's favorite tenor soloist, and Ed. Burns, the clever comedian and endman, will arrive in the Maple City this evening at nine o'clock. At 9.30 there will be a full and final rehearsal in the Old Town Hall, when every member of the company is asked to make an urgent effort to be present.

Last evening's rehearsal was splendidly attended and very successful. Ticket holders are reminded that an effort will be made to send the curtain up at 8.15 sharp on Monday night.

STRIKE ON THE C. P. R.

BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES OUT.

Trouble Arose Over the Discharge of a Clerk Named Forrest—Freight, Transportation and Telegraph Departments in the West Affected.

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 28.—The Brotherhood of Railway Employees of the C.P.R. went out on strike at noon. Three hundred clerks left the freight, transportation and telegraph departments. The trouble arose, according to S. P. Marpole, over the dismissal of a freight clerk named Forrest for cause. The brotherhood demanded his reinstatement. This demand was refused at 3.30 this morning. The brotherhood gave the railway management until noon to reinstate Forrest. Forrest not being reinstated at noon, the strike was ordered and the whole length of the line was involved over one thousand clerks in the system. Not many as yet belong to the brotherhood in Toronto and Montreal, but the union is thoroughly organized between Vancouver and Winnipeg. The strikers state that when Mr. Marpole was approached in regard to Forrest he told them that he would not now or at any other time recognize the brotherhood, and that this would end the brotherhood with him. They state that Forrest was dismissed only because he refused to resign from the brotherhood at the company's request, and that the railway was threatening many of their clerks that they must resign from the brotherhood or from the C.P.R. Some time ago Forrest was spokesman of a committee from the brotherhood at a conference with the company's officials. He demanded the reinstatement of two officers, a request to which the railway consented. Thus Forrest, they say, was picked out for the first victim in the company's war against the brotherhood. The brotherhood claim that they were compelled to strike or disband, as the railway gave them no choice. All the offices are open, being run by the official heads with the scant help rapidly collected.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—(Special)—A despatch from Vancouver states that the employees of the C. P. R. Telegraph Co. went out on strike. Mr. McNicoll states that a few may have struck, but that the matter is not serious.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

Movement Now on Foot to Indict Bell Telephone Company.

Whitevale, Feb. 28.—Justices of the Peace Davidson and Parker, after listening carefully to the evidence submitted in support of the charge of conspiracy against Pres. Sise of the Bell Telephone Company, have reserved judgment. They will make known their decision at Pickering on Thursday next at noon. County Crown Attorney Farewell, in summing up the case, argued that the evidence clearly established that a telephone is a necessity in the conduct of modern business. The refusal to allow the telephone to be installed in the Locust Hill station unduly limited the facilities for conducting trade and commerce by depriving subscribers of means of rapid communication with the railway company and telegraph station.

It was learned this evening that steps will be taken at once to secure the indictment of the Bell Telephone Company for conspiracy before the Grand Jury at the next sessions for Ontario and York Counties. The evidence elicited in the case against Mr. Sise is such that the promoters of the Co-operative Company have been advised that the case against the company will be exceptionally strong.

BRITAIN BUYS WARSHIPS.

Battleships and Cruisers to Add to the Fleet.

New York, Feb. 28.—The Herald has the following from London: A despatch to The Central News from Rome states that the Argentine Ministry there has notified the ship-building firm of Ansaldo Brothers, at Genoa, that the Argentine Government is about to order the construction of two battleships and two cruisers for Argentina, have been sold to the British Government. It is also announced in Rome that Chile has sold to England the two battleships in course of construction to the order of the Chilean Government at the shipyards of Armstrong & Co. and Vickers Sons & Maxim.

No confirmation has been obtained here. Questions will be asked in Parliament next Monday as to the correctness of the report.

THREE MEN ASPHYXLATED.

FOUND IN THEIR ROOM WITH THE GAS TURNED ON.

Minnesota Land-seekers at a Winnipeg Hotel—Doctors Hard at Work and Hope to Save One of the Patients.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—Three of a party of land-seekers from Minnesota, who arrived in the city and registered at the Imperial Hotel, are lying at death's door. They were found at 6.30 o'clock locked in their room, with the gas turned full on. The names of the men are Messrs. Wolson of Hoffman, J. M. Peterson and A. J. Nilsson, Barrett, Minn. It was at first thought that the men were dead, but after an examination it was found that life was not extinct.

Doctors were summoned and every known restorative was used to bring back to consciousness. Until a late hour the doctors were at work without avail on the almost lifeless bodies of the unfortunate land-seekers. They are all sturdy, robust men, about 40 or 45 years of age, and have families residing in the south. It is hoped that at least one will recover.

A BRUTAL MURDER.

Buffalo Man's Brains Were Beaten Out.

Buffalo, Feb. 28.—Edwin L. Burdick, President of E. L. Burdick & Company and of the Buffalo Envelope Company, was murdered early in his home in Ashland avenue. The theory at first advanced, that the crime was the work of a burglar, was abandoned as the police probed deeper into the case, and to-night, while the police claim to have several important clues, no arrest has been made. Burdick was last seen alive last night at 10.30, when he bade the other members of the household good-night and started for his room, apparently with the intention of retiring for the night. This morning his body, clad in an undershirt, was found lying on a couch in a small room off the lower hall used by Burdick as a smoking room. The body was covered with a rug and a number of sofa pillows. The couch was saturated with blood, and the walls and floor of the little den were bespattered with Burdick's brains and blood. The body when uncovered presented a ghastly sight. His head had been crushed in with some blunt instrument, and the blows were delivered with such force that the skull was fractured in several places and the brains were oozing out upon the couch. At the foot of the couch were found the drawers and stockings. The trousers and other articles of clothing which Burdick had worn were in his bedroom on the floor above. The bed had not been occupied. On the table in the smoking room the detectives found a bottle, partly filled with whiskey, and the remains of a light lunch. Members of the family declare that Burdick never partook of the food of which the lunch was composed, and never drank liquor while eating. Mrs. Burdick, the murdered man's wife, left home two months ago, with the intention, it is said, of not returning. It is known that they did not live happily together. On Dec. 3 proceedings for divorce were filed in the County Clerk's office by Mr. Burdick. It is understood that Mrs. Burdick went to Atlantic City. What connection the domestic troubles of Mr. Burdick may have had with the crime the police do not pretend to say.

PRESENTATION AT PORT HOPE.

Rev. Mr. Dayfoot Honored on His Departure For Orillia.

Port Hope, Feb. 28.—The many friends in Port Hope of Rev. P. K. Dayfoot, M.A., late pastor of the Baptist church here, who leaves for his new home in Orillia to-day, assembled at the Methodist parsonage, the home of Rev. E. B. Lawrence, who inaugurated the movement, and presented Mr. Dayfoot with a purse of \$130 in gold. An address was read by Rev. E. Daniel, rector of St. John's Church, and short speeches followed by prominent citizens, expressive of the general regret felt in town at the loss of a liberal and broad-minded minister.

Court Refuge. No. 108, Independent Order of Foresters, to-night held a farewell social in honor of Mr. Dayfoot, who is High Orator for Central Ontario, and presented him with a handsome Morris chair in recognition of his services to Independent Forestry.

QUARRYMAN BLOWN UP.

Mr. John French Probably Fatally Injured.

Kingston, Feb. 28.—While Mr. John Birch, quarryman for the Rathburn Company at Gananoque, was engaged in blasting, a charge failed to go off. Birch went to see what was wrong, and while examining the charge it went off, blowing him some distance along with the debris. The injured man was brought to Kingston General Hospital. His injuries were found to be severe, consisting of a fractured skull, a broken arm, injured hand, eye, chest and forehead. Little hope of recovery is held out. Birch is fifty-four years of age.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Woman Killed in a Fire at Lowell, Mass.—Others Missing.

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 28.—One of more persons lost their lives in the fire in the Burbank block. The building was used for business, lodging house and social purposes. The street floor contained stores; the second, third and fourth floors, lodging rooms, and the top floor a dance hall. There were 73 lodgers in the house when the fire broke out, but all apparently had escaped. When the ruins cooled off sufficiently to permit a search, the body of Mrs. Sarah F. Kittredge, local correspondent and agent for several periodicals, was found. Later it was reported that four other persons were missing, and a search of the ruins was continued without result. Several persons sustained burns and other injuries.

Germany's Foreign Trade.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—Returns of Germany's foreign trade for January show the imports to have been 3,203,602 tons, against 2,666,995 in January, 1902, and the exports 3,497,788 tons, against 2,472,238 tons in the same month last year. The exports of raw sugar dropped 36,361 tons, chiefly in the trade with England and the United States.

DEATHS IN THE STORM.

FURIOUS GALES SWEEP BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Church Lifted From Its Foundation and Thrown to the Ground—Train Blown Over.

London, Feb. 28.—A gale of almost unprecedented violence swept Great Britain throughout the night and did great damage, caused several fatalities and injuries to numbers of persons. Telegraphic communication northward of Leeds was entirely interrupted. The continental service was interrupted, and large numbers of ships were forced to seek shelter in the harbors. Many minor wrecks occurred and the lifeboats and rocket apparatuses were busy all along the coasts.

There were several fatalities inland caused by falling chimneys and debris. Many houses were unroofed. The wind in the north of England blew with cyclonic force. The Lancashire mills and churches suffered great and the grand stand of the Lancaster football club was lifted bodily and deposited outside the grounds.

At Ulverston, Lancashire, a passenger train was blown over, a number of passengers were injured and ten cars were wrecked.

Score of shop windows at Liverpool were blown in and the goods scattered about the streets.

Great damage is reported from the coast resorts. A newly-erected church at Holyhead was lifted from its foundations and fell in a heap of ruins.

A number of the supports of the suspension bridge over the Menai Straits, separating the Island of Anglesea from the Welsh coast, were carried away, and traffic over the bridge has been stopped.

The gale swept over Ireland from north to south. At Cork a three-story building collapsed, burying fifteen persons in the ruins. One of them was killed and one fatally injured. Various coast points report vessels ashore. The rivers in the interior are flooding.

THE McDONALD INQUEST.

Verdict Implicating George Williamson at North Bay.

North Bay, Feb. 28.—The adjourned McDonald inquest was held yesterday. The jury found, after viewing the body and hearing Constable Kinsella and Dr. Smith, who made the post-mortem examination, that John McDonald came to his death by blood poisoning, superinduced by a knife wound from the hands of George Williamson. E. H. Shepherd, proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, was foreman of the jury.

SLAUGHTERED BY REBELS.

Chinese Soldiers Ambushed and Massacred.

Pekin, Feb. 28.—Advices received here show that 300 Imperial troops were caught February 16, in an ambush in the Yangtze Pass, by the rebels of the Province of Kwangsi, south China. All the soldiers were killed and the rebels captured large supplies of arms, which the troops were taking to the besieged garrison of Chiuen.

The official reports admit that the rebellion in Kwangsi is increasing, and has spread over the border into the Province of Hunan. The Viceroy of Hunan has sent troops to the boundary to check the rebels' advance.

THE CATTLE EMBARGO.

Federation of Meat Traders Will Work For Its Removal.

London, Feb. 28.—The National Federation of Meat Traders' Association have resolved to support all efforts in England and Canada for the removal of the Canadian cattle embargo.

LET PEOPLE GET AT THE MACHINE

Hugh Clark, M. P. P., Believes this Course to be the Secret of his Success.

Rees and His Henchmen Working in the Riding Did Him No Harm—The People's Victory

Kincardine, Ont., Feb. 27.—In response to a request for a statement, Hugh Clark, the Conservative victor in yesterday's Provincial by-election in Centre Bruce, has issued the following:

"The result in Centre Bruce cannot be traced to any one cause. This is a Liberal riding, and it follows that many Liberals must have supported me. They were opposed to a protest in this riding. That protest originated with and was prosecuted by, my opponent and a few legal supporters. The Liberal party was not back of it, and the Government was morally bound to prevent it.

"Having failed to abide by Acting Premier Harcourt's agreement, the Government lost more or less prestige among Liberals who believe that faith ought to be kept, even in a matter of 'saw-offs.'

"The Government assisted me by bringing on the election before public feeling had time to cool. This riding was overrun by speakers, including the Premier, a dozen or more members of the Legislature, several members of the Dominion Parliament, and a corps of ordinary stump speakers, besides every urban municipality had a small staff of imported leaders, doing their work quickly.

"Personally, I had no outside assistance, a circumstance that met with the approval of the people. The more men the machine sent into the riding, the more they accentuated my isolation.

"The prohibition issue helped me in some places, but hurt me in others. My opponent accepted the speaker and platform of the prohibitionists. I refused to do so, although assenting to the fact that the vote of December reform in our liquor laws. Several persons took the stump against me, but did me no particular harm. At present it does not appear that I lost more than I gained by the introduction of the prohibition issue.

"Personally, I always felt that the machine could never be smashed by another machine, but that it could not stand if you allowed the people to get at it."

A THRILLING JOURNEY.

Long Walk From Icebound Steamer to Land.

St. John, N.B., Feb. 28.—Thrilling in the extreme was the experience of three young women and four men who reached here to-night after a perilous trip over the ice floes from the imprisoned steamer Minto, thirteen miles off Pictou Island. The sun's rays almost blinding them, great crags of ice baffling the strongest climbers, streaks of open water threatening them, nearly frozen as night fell and the darkness added to their terrors, the adventurous band were well nigh exhausted when they reached the mainland. While their imprisonment in the midst of the ice floes was wearisome and the scarcity of coal and provisions threatening, it is not probable the party would have ventured to make the hazardous trip over the ice had not two of the young women previously received word that members of their families were seriously ill in Boston.

The steamer, which runs from Nova Scotia to Prince Edward Island, became fast in the heavy ice last Monday. Among the forty passengers on board were the Misses McKay, Perkins and McInnis of Boston. The two latter had heard that their parents were dying in Boston, and as the prospect of freeing the Minto grew less and less their anxiety increased. Tuesday they determined to set out for Pictou Island and thence make their way to the mainland and catch a train for Boston. They were urged not to attempt the trip, but when they said they were bound to try it four young men from St. John volunteered to accompany them.

Shortly after noon the party started, with many misgivings from the other passengers and warnings from the officers of the Minto. They were anxiously watched with glasses by those on shipboard, as it was believed they would soon become convinced that the feat was futile and would return to the steamer, but they stumbled along, scaling high ice islands with ragged and precipitous sides, sometimes falling, and each assisting the other, like guides and their sightseers in the Alps.

Half way across the jam some 30 men were ready to give up, but the women shamed them into continuing. They rested a while, and then trudged along with indomitable spirit. The glare half blinded some of them, but the others led them along, and all pushed on as rapidly as they could through the lanes of soft top snow, avoiding the open places as much as possible.

It was 9 o'clock in the evening when Pictou Island was reached. They found some fishermen's huts open to receive them. After getting warm clothes and food and drink the party rested for the remainder of the night. Early the next morning the rest of the journey to the mainland was made in safety.

WANTED MOTHER TO STAY.

For this Reason, Little Girl Drank Carbolic Acid.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—About 6 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Robert Armstrong, 14 Regent avenue, noticed that her fourteen-year-old daughter, Rone Mills, was not looking well, and noticed the smell of carbolic acid. Suspecting that her daughter had probably taken something by mistake, she put her to bed. Immediately the child became unconscious. Dr. Coatsworth, in the meantime had been sent for, and used every effort to revive the little patient. He finally decided that it would be better to send the girl to the hospital, and she was removed to the General in the police ambulance. There every effort to bring her back to consciousness failed, and she died about 10.15 o'clock.

The story told by Mrs. Armstrong, mother of the girl, throws an exceptional sadness over the case. It seems that Mrs. Armstrong was about to leave home, and her supposition is that her little daughter, who very much objected to being left behind, drank a concoction of carbolic acid and glycerine, which was used in the house for sores, in order that she might make herself ill so that her mother could not go away and leave her.

DETROIT RIVER BRIDGE.

Application For a Charter Probably by the Pere Marquette.

Amherstburg, Feb. 28.—The Echo yesterday contained the notice of application to the Parliament of Canada for an act incorporating a company, having power to construct a railway and general traffic bridge across the Detroit River at or near Amherstburg, with all necessary powers, Blake, Lash & Cassels are solicitors for the applicants.

It is probable that the Pere Marquette Railway is behind this application. The Pere Marquette recently acquired the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway, from Walkerville to St. Thomas, and from Sarnia to Rondeau, on Lake Erie, where connection is made with ferry boats to Connant, Ohio. Notice has already been given that authority will be asked to build a branch line from Walkerville to Sandwich, and from a point east of Walkerville to the Detroit River at Amherstburg. It is probably the intention of the Pere Marquette to connect its Michigan system with the L. E. & D. R. division by a bridge across the river at this point. The latter road is to be extended to Buffalo, from St. Thomas, giving the Pere Marquette a new through line to the east.

A STRONG APPEAL.

Serious State of Affairs in the Philippines.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The President late yesterday sent the following message to the Senate:

"I have just received a cable from Governor Taft, which runs as follows: 'Necessity for passing House tariff bill most urgent. The conditions of productive industry and business considerably worse in November, the date of last report, and growing worse each month. Some revival in sugar and tobacco prices, due to expectation of tariff law. The interests of the Philippines in sugar and tobacco are extensive, and failure of bill will be blow in face of those interests. Number of tobacco factories will have to close, and many sugar haciendas will be put up for sale at a sacrifice if the bill will not pass. Customs receipts have fallen off this month one-third, showing decrease of purchasing power of islands. General business stagnant. All political parties, including labor unions, most strenuous in petition for tariff bill. Effect of its failure very discouraging.'

In conversation with some of his Congressional callers to-day, the President dwelt with serious emphasis upon the necessity of the enactment of the pending Philippine tariff legislation.

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