

Should Revise British Atlantic Mail Service

The Contract with the Cunard Line, which Runs Only to the United States Ports, is a Disadvantage to Canadian Route which Might Easily be Overcome--Representations on the Subject Should be Made to the British Government--The Present a Favorable Moment.

Ottawa, Aug. 20.—A curious complication has arisen between the Post Office Department in England and the Cunard Line which may possibly result in the establishment of a closer relationship between the Imperial Government and the St. Lawrence route. The facts are briefly these: A few years ago the Imperial Government entered into a contract with the Cunard Line for the conveyance of mails between England and the United States on fast steamers. The principal features of the contract are that the Lusitania and the Mauretania, the two big Cunard steamers, are to be at the disposal of the Imperial Government for naval purposes; the Government lent the company a huge sum at a low rate of interest with which to build those vessels, and in addition gave the company a handsome subsidy for carrying the mails, together with an equally generous sum for what is called a merchant-cruiser retaining fee.

Great Increase in Quantity of Mail. It now appears, however, that the Cunards do not wish to call at Queenstown, near Cork, for the mails on the ground that the big ships can not make Queenstown in bad weather. The real truth appears to be that when the contract was signed the mail bags numbered 87,000 a year, but since the reduction in the rate of postage from 5 to 2 cents the number of mail bags has increased to over 140,000 a year, and the company has not been receiving any additional remuneration.

The matter came before the Imperial House of Commons the other day and the Post Master General practically threw up his hands over the situation. He did not wish the Cunards to omit Queenstown as a port of call for the mails, but could not see how he could enforce his contract with them if they could show that in rough weather stopping at Queenstown put the big ships in jeopardy.

Deliver Mails at Liverpool. The Cunards are now building another large ship, to be known as the Aquitania, and demand that, notwithstanding the contract, the three ships shall henceforth give Queenstown the go by whenever they see fit, and receive and deliver the mails at Liverpool.

The British Government has always been unfortunate in its dealings with the Cunards. The founder of the line, Mr. Samuel Cunard, of Halifax, N. S., arranged for a service between Liverpool, Halifax and Boston, to which New York was subsequently added, with a side service from Pictou, N. S., to Quebec in summer. This side service was, however, soon dropped. The first Cunarder to sail from Liverpool to Boston was the Britannia, July 4, 1840.

The people of Upper and Lower Canada felt that this state of things was scarcely fair, that England was building up Boston and New York in preference to Quebec and Montreal, especially as the subsidy to the Cunards was based on the theory that the line was to be a connecting link between England and the British possessions in North America.

Direct Bounty to American Ports. If any one likes to go deeper into the question let him turn to our public records for 1885, where Sir Alexander Galt, writes that the two Canadas had spent \$35,000,000 on canals and railways and were anxious to reduce ocean rates on the St. Lawrence route, but found that the large subsidies paid by the British Government to and from them, and so far defeating the object of Canada and drawing provincial trade mainly into American channels."

After a while the Cunards ceased to call at Halifax and then became a purely British and American line, although it was still maintained that the reason why the British Government subsidized them was to bring about a close connection between England and British North America. By this time we had started a Canadian line of our own, but the British Post Office Department refused to send letters to Canada by it or by the Allan line unless they were specially directed, in other words, letters destined for Canada and addressed to go by any named ship of the Canadian lines were sent by her, but no others.

The British authorities desired, as they frankly acknowledged, that letters for Canada should be carried to New York or Boston by the Cunard vessels in order that the British revenue from the sea postage might be increased to meet the heavy subsidies given to the Cunard, then running to American ports alone. This lasted until 1859, when a decree was granted to Mrs. Hartje by Judge Robert Fraser on July 16, 1910, and the custody of the daughter of the couple was awarded to the mother, while that of a minor son was awarded to the father.

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EARL WARWICK IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE

London, Aug. 20.—The Earl and Countess of Warwick are calling their creditors together in order to make an arrangement for the liquidation of their debts. The Countess of Warwick went to the United States last year on a lecture tour, the purpose of which it was stated was to raise money to meet her financial obligations. After two appearances she suddenly brought her tour to an end and returned to Europe.

MRS. HARTJE IS IN FIRE PERIL

Divorced Wife Wealthy Pittsburg Man Flees with Family From Summer Home.

Asbury Park, N. Y., Aug. 20.—The magnificent summer home of Mrs. Mary Hartje, divorced wife of Augustus Hartje, wealthy paper manufacturer of Pittsburg, Pa., at Allenhurst, was destroyed by fire together with all its contents last night. Mrs. Hartje, her daughter, Miss Mary Louise, and English, sister-in-law of Mrs. Hartje, had narrow escapes from death in the flames.

Mrs. Hartje was the central figure in a divorce litigation that stirred Pittsburg society to its depths three years ago. She separated from her husband in 1905, and in November, 1907, he filed an action for divorce in which he named several men, among them a negro chauffeur, as co-respondents. This action failed, and Mrs. Hartje then applied for a divorce on the grounds of cruelty, drunkenness and desertion. A decree was granted to Mrs. Hartje by Judge Robert Fraser on July 16, 1910, and the custody of the daughter of the couple was awarded to the mother, while that of a minor son was awarded to the father.

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Thomas Degin, a chauffeur, was struck by an automobile when he was hastening to the fire, and injured so severely that he died an hour later in the Long Branch Hospital. The home of C. D. Pritchard, Assistant District Attorney, of Pittsburg, adjoining the Hartje residence, was saved with difficulty.

GIRL OF MYSTERY IN NEGRO HOME

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 20.—Suffering from loss of memory, a prepossessing girl of apparent refinement, who said her name was Mary Harris and that she was sent penniless from Philadelphia to a negro family in this city, is proving a puzzle to the police. She remembers practically nothing of her antecedents or one-time places of abode, and questions that possibly might lead to further identification are met with a nervous shake of her head and a murmured "I don't remember."

The police were informed last night that a white girl was at the home of James and Rose Gilmore, negroes, and they found the girl in a bedroom. The girl told Magistrate Dean, when arraigned on a charge of vagrancy, that she had been accorded good treatment by the negroes. Since her arrival in Baltimore she said she had kept to her room, with the exception of one day when she went out looking for work and was lost. The girl has long brown hair, parted in the centre, and large blue eyes.

A \$250,000 FIRE IN MAINE VILLAGE

Showhegan, Me., Aug. 20.—The business section of North Anson village, including every store and every public building except Grange Hall, was wiped out by fire yesterday forenoon. The loss is estimated at \$250,000. Twenty families are homeless and ten dwelling houses were burned.

128 UNARMED MEN HAVE BEEN PLACED IN NANAIMO JAIL

Taken Before Magistrate in Batches by Armed Military Guard.

BAIL REFUSED AND THE MEN COMMITTED

A Multitude of Charges Made Against the Accused Riotous Strikers.

Vancouver, Aug. 20.—One hundred and twenty-eight men now lie in prison at Nanaimo. Yesterday afternoon forty-eight of them were brought before Magistrate Simpson on a multitude of charges, and in every case remanded. The prisoners were brought to the court house under a guard of military with fixed bayonets before and behind. Constables were stationed all around the court room and the gallery was thronged with friends of the men. Only once was there any interruption from the spectators, when there was a muffled and mild "hear, hear," which greeted the remarks that any amount of bail would be given for the release of Chris Patterson, who is the local organizer. A Leighton, of Victoria, appeared for the accused. Two of the defendants were hardly more than fourteen years of age. The most brutal assault was laid at the door of a man who stood little more than four feet high.

FAMOUS LANDMARK TO BE DEMOLISHED

The Beacon Light at Entrance to St. John Harbor will be Set on Fire.

St. John, Aug. 20.—The Beacon light house, which has for many years marked the entrance to the channel of St. John harbor, and which is to be removed in connection with the widening of the entrance, will end its career in a spectacular and fitting manner. The Beacon is situated on a pier at the end of the bar, which formerly extended from the western side, and which has been dredged away during the past few years. The old structure will be soaked with oil and on the first night when the wind blows seaward the torch will be applied and the Beacon will furnish a warning light such as it never did before in its history of almost a hundred years.

AT MARYSVILLE

Many Picnics This Week—Visitors in Town—Personal Notes.

Marysville, Aug. 20.—The Methodist picnic under the pines yesterday was a grand success. A large crowd was in attendance and all the games were well patronized. Snapper was served on the grounds. In the evening an immense crowd gathered and everyone seemed to be having a good time. They had a good time and returned home by moonlight. Mr. James Markey, of Kent County, is here visiting his brother, Mr. Philip Markey.

Mrs. Clarence Smith is in rather poor health. Mr. Harold Manzer, who was operated on for appendicitis, returned home today from Victoria Hospital. He is in good health, having made a rapid recovery. Master Lee Harrison's condition is much improved and it is believed that he will soon be about again.

Mrs. E. B. Staples has contracted diphtheria and is being cared for by a professional nurse. Her condition is not serious. Olivette and Maine street Baptist churches hold their picnic at McLean's grounds, Nashwaak, tomorrow. Mr. Randolph Titus, fire warden for the Partington Co., is home for a day or two.

The Methodist cemetery here is in a very disgraceful condition, and is a reproach to our town. It is fast becoming grown up with shrubs and small trees, and even the road to it is in a wretched condition. It is high time steps should be taken to have it fixed up. Why not have a meeting of those who have lots in the cemetery and talk it over?

Mr. Percy Harrison has accepted a position in the card room. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tennant have leased the Estabrook property and will occupy it in the near future. Mr. David Banks received a telephone message from St. John last night informing him of the death of his nephew, Harold Allen, the 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, formerly of Marysville. Typhoid fever was the cause of his death. The remains will be brought here Thursday for burial.

Misses Gene O'Leary and Helen Lindsay, of this city, who were visiting St. John, have gone to Bar Harbor and Rockland, Me.

THE MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE OPENED TODAY

Rather a Small Attendance at the Opening Session at Newcastle.

PRESIDENT LODGE MAKES HIS REPORT

And Refers to Many Important Questions to be Discussed by Board.

Newcastle, Aug. 20.—The 19th annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade opened at the Town Hall here this morning. Mr. Matthew Lodge, the president, in the chair. Only a small number of delegates were present at the opening proceedings, the majority of those who had expressed their intention to be present not having arrived in time. The minutes of the meeting held last year were read and adopted.

In presenting his annual report, President Lodge briefly reviewed the subjects which were discussed at the meeting last year, dealing particularly with the interviews which the delegation appointed at that meeting had with the members of the Government with reference to railway matters, and with regard to which the recommendations made by the commission were promised due consideration by the Government. He laid special emphasis on the necessity for providing all facilities possible to increase the usefulness of St. John and Halifax as shipping ports. He called away this morning to Clifton, N. S., in consequence of the death of his brother, D. McCurdy.

Intercolonial Freight Rates.

With regard to the matters for discussion this year, the leading one appeared to be the question of freight rates on the I. C. R., but inasmuch as the railway management had agreed to adjust their new tariff to within ten per cent. of the old tariff, the necessity for much discussion on the matter was minimized.

The matter of agricultural and technical education was to his mind the most important subject on the present paper, and a too full consideration of it could not be given at the meeting, for he did not believe that the Maritime Board could be better employed at any time than in investigating our present educational system.

E. A. McCurdy, secretary of the Newcastle Board, was called away this morning to Clifton, N. S., in consequence of the death of his brother, D. McCurdy.

BOY STOWS AWAY TO SEE HIS MOTHER

Lad of 13, After Making Long Journey, Eludes Immigration Authorities.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 20.—John Piateffo, who is thirteen years of age, and stands three feet three inches in his stocking feet, is making his way to Kansas City to see his mother, as fast as he can, and Captain A. E. Bjler, of the steamship Delaware Sun is doing his best to convince the immigration authorities that it is not his fault that the boy is in the United States.

The Delaware Sun arrived in Philadelphia yesterday from Batoum, in the Black Sea, and Captain Bjler tells his story of his acquaintance with young Piateffo. "I met the lad on July 19, the day we left Batoum, and his story of how he wanted to get back to America to see his mother so impressed me that I took him to the American Consul. The latter could do no anything, but the boy in some manner got on board my vessel and did not show up until we were at sea. When we reached Oran, in Algiers the boy was put off the ship and turned over to the Italian Consul, but to my astonishment when we were again at sea he was found in the hold. "I was so impressed with his earnestness that I let him work his passage, and made him assistant mess boy. I exacted a promise that when he reached here we would go together to the immigration office to let him have his entry in this country straightened out."

This arrangement evidently did not suit Diateffo, for no sooner had the Delaware Sun reached her pier than he leaped ashore and then made away as fast as his diminutive legs could carry him. Two of the sailors, a longshoreman and three immigration officers chased him for four blocks, but could not catch him, and the last seen of him was when he was hastening to a fruit train bound for the West.

Diateffo was brought to this country when two years old. A year ago his uncle took him back to Italy, but the longing to see his mother was too great and he made the best of his way back to America.

PERSONAL

Mr. F. H. Cochrane, of Woodstock, is among the guests at the Barker House. Mr. Ned Murchie, of Calais, is at the Queen Hotel. Mr. Robert Donaldson, of this city, has been visiting friends at Burts Corner.

Canada's Trouble Regarding Thaw

A Long Fight Expected Ere the Slayer of Stanford White Quits the Borders of the Dominion--Relatives Hastening to His Aid and Counsel and Alienists Already Employed to Look After His Interests--Great Interest all Over Continent in Canada's Disposition of the Case.

Sherbrooke, Aug. 20.—Harry K. Thaw, fugitive slayer of Stanford White, caught by a New Hampshire sheriff after his sensational escape from Mattawam, spent the night in the hospital ward in the jail of this little border town, and this morning, at the urgent telegraphic demands of his family, retained new counsel to fight deportation to the United States.

George I. Under Carnegie, his brother-in-law, wired during the night that he was hurrying here with Thaw's sister, Margaret, and cautioned Thaw to deny all proceedings, if possible, pending his arrival. Meantime Charles D. White, recommended to the Thaw family as Sherbrooke's most astute lawyer, has taken charge of the case, and at Thaw's arraignment before a commission today was expected to ask for adjournment of the proceedings. The question of insanity was not embodied in the commitment, which brings Thaw before the immigration authorities here. He is held merely as a fugitive from the position taken at Mattawam, where he is confined on a criminal charge for life.

Chance for a Fight. Thaw himself was quick to see the chances for fighting the deportation on such grounds, for at Mattawam he was charged with nothing, being held as a lunatic acquitted of the White murder. Along such lines it was expected his lawyers would seek to bar deportation to New York State. The immigration officials, it was said, were aware of the loophole in the commitment, and were considering the advisability of changing the charge. However, should they deport him simply as an undesirable alien, it might mean his entering the United States via some other State than New York, and this would involve protracted extradition proceedings within that State, the outcome of which would be doubtful.

A Snap for Sherbrooke. Since his arrival here Thaw money has poured into Sherbrooke, and Dr. Burgess, an alienist, has been tentatively engaged. Thaw would welcome any test of his sanity, it is said, as it indicated last night in his statement to the William Travers Jerome, former district attorney of New York, to the effect that he (Thaw) was a sane man. Thaw had only a few cents in his pockets when arrested yesterday, and was without funds when he wanted to purchase fresh linen for his mother. He was flunking about his personal appearance, and after a barber had shaved off his

four days' growth of beard, he said he would like to have a new necktie. He was given money to supply his needs after brushing the must out at least four States and of Canada from his clothes. He said he was ready to appear in court at any time.

Problem for Dominion. Ottawa, Aug. 20.—The immigration authorities at Ottawa are anxiously waiting for news of the Thaw extradition proceedings at Sherbrooke today. The opinion is expressed by the officials that if Thaw, as he claims, has a through ticket to Detroit, he cannot be deported. If he can give satisfactory evidence to show that he is not a "tam-grant," but merely a tourist passing through the country, he will be treated as a non-immigrant and the deportation proceedings, as far as the immigration authorities are concerned, will be dropped. If deportation is decided upon, the interesting question arises whether he will be deported by his port of entry in New Hampshire or deported into New York State, which also borders on Quebec. If he is deported into New York State, it will simply matter for the American authorities, as he can be locked up again without more ado. If he is deported into New Hampshire, then extradition proceedings would have to be instituted in the immigration department to deport an undesirable by the same port by which he enters the country, and there is even a rule of the department to this effect. However, this is not mandatory, and it appears likely to be in the hands of the department where they will depart from it.

No Official Application. The Department of Justice has so far taken no action and officials here not even any knowledge that Thaw is in this country. No application for extradition has yet been made. The highest legal authorities here express the opinion that bribery, which is the only charge against Thaw, is not an extraditable offence. However, the interpretation of the law is open to dispute, and there is liable to be a fine legal fight developed. It is the general view now that it will mean lengthy proceedings before the case is settled. The extradition, Canada does not want Thaw, and if there is any legal way he can be sent back or turned over to the American authorities it will be found. Word was received last night that two New York State officials were on the way to Ottawa to consult with the Canadian authorities, but so far they have not turned up.

VANDALS DESTROY \$5,000 STATUES

Invade Country Estate at Lennox and Wreck Imported Terra Cotta Figures.

Lenox, Mass., Aug. 20.—A big crowd, much excitement and some of the hardest fought races ever seen here marked the first day of the races here yesterday. The fifth heat of the 222 class was a dead heat and when near the finish of the sixth heat the two leading horses collided with an automobile and there was a bad spill. Driver Tom Raymond of Fredrickton was thrown and quite badly shaken up. The horses were not placed. Raymond was able to drive and win out the seventh heat. Harry Mack, the Fredrickton entry, won the race and got a mark of 229 1/2. Ontario's second heat in 2:19 1/2, being the fastest. Thomas S. won the 2:18 class. Miss Lightfoot second, and James K. Newbro, the Fredrickton entry, third, best time 2:16 1/2.

The Lenox police are inclined to connect this vandalism with recent attempts to enter several houses of summer residents here. The two burglars who broke into the servants' quarters at Springlawn, Mrs. John E. Alexandre's villa, on Friday night, are believed to have entered Thistlewood, David Lloyd's house, where they were heard in the dining room soon after three o'clock in the morning. An investigation showed they had made an ineffectual effort to break open the safe. They were frightened away before taking anything of value except two Indian muses and a sofa pillow from the veranda.

Burglars made a second attempt to break into Regs. W. Whistler's villa, Hidden House, in Pittsfield road, on Friday night, by prying open a dining room window. The household was aroused and the intruders fled.

The work in all cases is so unenterprising the police believe Berkshire county youths are responsible. Six special policemen were on duty in Lenox last night and tonight, and Thomas E. Blight, a State detective, is investigating. There has been a great demand for burglar alarms for country places in the last few days in Lenox and Stockbridge. Dr. C. R. Fletcher, of New York, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McNutt.

ELOPING GIRLS TAKEN FROM TRAIN

Two Moncton Girls Left Their Homes in Company with a Pair of Lovers.

Newcastle, Aug. 20.—Shortly before four o'clock yesterday afternoon Constable Broecker received telephone instructions from I. C. R. Detective Tingley at Moncton to board the north bound limited on its arrival here and retail two girls, Maud Margaret Hannington and Viola Harrigan, who were said to be on the train bound for Montreal, in company with two young men. On arrival of the train here the constable boarded it and soon came upon the party playing a game of cards in the parlor car. He told the girls his errand and after some parleying they left the train with him, the young men not interfering but looking very shamefaced.

Constable Broecker brought his charges to the hotel and phoned to Moncton that he had the girls, and the father of one of them and a friend arrived here last night on the Maritime and took the girls back with them by early train this morning. The girls, whose ages are 17 and 18, are attractive looking, and they expressed their intention of running away again at the first opportunity.

SAVES CHILDREN CHARMED BY SNAKE

Appears Just in Time as, Spellbound, They Watch Reptile Coil for Spring.

Smithfield, Pa., Aug. 20.—With the eyes of a huge rattlesnake fascinating them so that they were held spellbound, while it crawled nearer and nearer, two little children of W. M. Miller, a merchant, were saved from the reptile today by their mother. The snake, holding the children enchanted, crept up several feet, coiled itself and was ready to spring when Mrs. Miller appeared. She dragged her children away and called her husband, who killed the reptile. It measured more than four feet and had fourteen rattles.

PERSONAL

Mrs. W. M. Stevens, of Truro, is at the Barker House. Miss Elizabeth M. Keirstead, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lewis E. Smith, of Wilton, Me., is now at her parents' home, J. E. and Mrs. Keirstead, of Nashwaaksis. Miss Gladys returned with her sister, having spent the past year with Mrs. Smith.

THE FREDERICTON HORSES WINNERS

Harry Mack Takes a Seven-Heat Race at Fort--Driver Raymond is Hurt.

Fort Fairfield, Aug. 20.—A big crowd, much excitement and some of the hardest fought races ever seen here marked the first day of the races here yesterday. The fifth heat of the 222 class was a dead heat and when near the finish of the sixth heat the two leading horses collided with an automobile and there was a bad spill. Driver Tom Raymond of Fredrickton was thrown and quite badly shaken up. The horses were not placed. Raymond was able to drive and win out the seventh heat. Harry Mack, the Fredrickton entry, won the race and got a mark of 229 1/2. Ontario's second heat in 2:19 1/2, being the fastest. Thomas S. won the 2:18 class. Miss Lightfoot second, and James K. Newbro, the Fredrickton entry, third, best time 2:16 1/2.

WIFE SHOT WHILE HE KISSED HER

Edmonton, Aug. 20.—F. W. Cox, assistant manager of John Walters Mills, accidentally shot and instantly killed his wife this afternoon as he leaned forward in an embrace to kiss her prior to her departure for a drive through the city with her sister. He had been cleaning an automatic revolver when his wife announced that she was going out, and was still clutching the gun in his hand when it discharged, the bullet entering the base of the skull back of the right ear.

Mrs. Robert Buchanan, of Holyoke, Mass., is visiting friends in the city.