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300 ON BATTLESHIP PERISH; POWDER MAGAZINE EXPLODES

Awful Disaster Reported From Aboard a French Warship in the Harbor of Toulon

Toulon, March 12.—A powder magazine on board one of the battleships here, said to be the *Lena*, exploded today, owing, it is reported, to the explosion of a compressed air torpedo on the vessel. It is said that the casualties number from 200 to 300, but as this dispatch is filed, no details are obtainable, and even the identity of the warship is not definitely established.

NEW PASSENGER CARS FOR G. T. R.

Seventy Being Built for Use on Various Lines—Are Modern in Every Respect.

Seventy passenger coaches of the most approved type are now in course of construction for the Grand Trunk Railway. A number of the cars are being erected in the Montreal shops of the company, while the remainder are being built under contract by private concerns. The cars are for use on the various lines, and they are to be finished in green plush and similar in every respect to the first-class day coaches now in use on the International Limited and the Eastern Flyer. The building of the cars has been found necessary by reason of the company selling a large number of its oldest coaches to the Grand Trunk Pacific to be used in the construction of the new lines through the west. The new cars are expected to be delivered at an early date.

The company is also building at its shops in East London four vans of a type not heretofore used on the Canadian part of the line. The cars are only sixteen feet in length, with two wheel trucks, and they are to be used by the crews engaged in the transfer of freight from Mimico to York, and vice versa. Until quite recently eastbound freights had to be taken from Mimico to York by the crews which took them to the first named place, but under a new arrangement the trains are left at Mimico to be taken through the Toronto yards by crews employed especially for that purpose. The same rule applied to westbound trains from York to Mimico. It was found, however, that owing to the large number of train in Toronto yards freight crews were invariably detained from two to six hours in getting through, meaning the payment of a large sum in wages month by month. The company now has crews whose sole duty is to handle the east and westbound freights between the places named, the result being more satisfactory to the Grand Trunk from every standpoint.

CROWN'S COURSE IN McPHERSON CASE

Will Be Decided in a Day or Two—Now Under Consideration by Mr. McKillop

Crown Attorney McKillop was asked today what action will be taken in the case of Daniel McPherson, the young man arrested in connection with the death of his father.

The jury at the coroner's inquest last night returned a verdict that the blows administered by the son were delivered in self-defense and that the medical evidence showed a fracture of the right jaw, and blood clots on the brain, due to a hemorrhage, and also that the deceased was suffering from pneumonia, and was in such a condition the night of his death that the doctors could not understand how he managed to be around.

Mr. McKillop has the evidence under consideration, and he will decide in a day or two whether a more serious charge than assault, that on which McPherson is being held, will be laid.

The medical evidence is strongly in favor of the young man. One of the doctors who conducted the post-mortem is strongly of the opinion that the hemorrhage was brought on solely by excitement, while the others are inclined to the same belief, rather than that it was caused by the blow. All the medical men agree that the fracture of the jaw was not responsible for the hemorrhage.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

March 11.	Reported at.	From.
Liguria	New York	Genoa
Citta di Milano	New York	Naples
Messinia	New York	Marseilles
Smolensk	New York	Libau
Sicilian	Boston	Glasgow
Republic	Boston	Naples
Mohrfort	Liverpool	St. John
Hellgölar	Christiansand	New York
Petersburg	Rotterdam	New York
Celtic	Gibraltar	New York

BATTLE AT MOSCOW.

Moscow, March 12.—In a fight between police and a band of revolutionists today, in which revolutionists were freely used, one policeman was killed, two revolutionists were wounded, and four of the latter, mere youths, were captured. They will be tried by court-martial, Premier Stolypin having directed the suspension of trials by drum-head court-martial after the opening of Parliament.

AN OFFER OF \$8,000 TO BE MADE FOR THE EAST END HALL

Local Man Would Purchase East End Building—City May Ask \$10,000.

The old east end hall is again in the limelight.

Many times the city has trotted out the hall on the halter and paraded it before would-be purchasers, but the latter always appeared to find traces of heaves, spavins or perhaps a fracture of the stiffl-joint. At all events, whatever the reason, there has been no sale to date.

A couple of weeks ago Mr. F. H. Crabb, of this city, made an offer for the building. He requested that the offer be kept dark if it was not accepted, and up till last night his name was withheld from the newspapers.

But at the meeting of the manufacturers' committee Mr. Crabb brought the matter up again, and his remarks on the subject have been published.

So far, no official announcement of Mr. Crabb's offer has been made, but it is said that at first he offered \$5,000, and later increased this by \$1,000. It is his intention to start a cap factory here.

The manufacturers' committee had, of course, no power to deal with the matter. The selling of city assets belongs to No. 1 committee, and last night Mr. Crabb was so informed.

Nevertheless, neither the manufacturers' committee nor No. 1 committee consider Mr. Crabb's offer as very good, and they will not consider it.

There is still a chance that the hall may be sold, however. Ald. Gillean stated today that he has had an offer from a local gentleman of \$8,000 for the building and land.

This is the price the city set on the property a couple of years ago, but it is said that since that time the city fathers have come to the conclusion that they must get at least \$10,000 for the hall.

Ald. Gillean says the offer he refers to will come before No. 1 committee at its next meeting.

SENATOR CASGRAIN BURIED

Interred at Sandwich Cemetery Before Large Concourse of Mourners.

Sandwich, March 11.—With every mark of honor befitting his high rank in life the body of the late Senator Charles E. Casgrain was laid to rest in the Catholic Cemetery in Sandwich this morning.

By the time the cortege arrived at St. Alphonsus Church the edifice was crowded to the doors, with the exception of one section in front, which was reserved for the mourners and the active and honorary pallbearers. Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Mgr. Meunier, Rev. Father Hogan acting as deacon and Rev. Father Keeley as subdeacon.

The casket borne by Alexander St. Louis, Albert Dumouchelle, Frederick Laing, Joseph Leggett, Charles Cooney and George M. Black, the latter of Detroit.

CITY IS LIKELY TO SELL DEBENTURES

\$300,000 of Local Improvement Securities Must Soon Be Negotiated.

The finance committee of the city council will again take up the debenture question on Friday night.

Matters have apparently come to a head in this regard.

Owing to the tightness of the money market, the city is now carrying about \$300,000 worth of local improvement debentures which should have been sold long ago.

All along it has been hoped that the condition of the money market would improve, but thus far there has been no improvement, and the prospects are bad.

It is understood that the city has now received several new offers for the debentures, and under the circumstances it is deemed best that they be sold.

The city has been carrying the debentures by means of notes given the Molsons Bank.

THIS MAN GOT A PASS

Was a Physical Wreck, and Was Working His Way Home

Inspector McCallum this morning gave a young man of 23 a pass to a point east. The man appeared to be in great need, and was paralyzed on one side. Tears rolled down his cheeks as he told his story to the inspector.

"I left my home a couple of years ago to go west," he said, "I was well and strong then, but when I got away I fell in with bad company and began to drink. This is where it has left me. Now, I'm going back home, unable to work, and to be a burden on my poor old parents."

It was a clear case of doing good and the inspector handed out the pass.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Williamstown, Mass., March 12.—One man was killed and three were injured today in a head-on collision between a freight train and a train of express cars on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine Railroad. The accident occurred at the entrance to the local railroad yards.

MORE ELGIN HOTELMEN ARE HEAVILY MULCTED

Weiner and Butler Already Plead Guilty and Are Fined \$100

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, March 12.—County Magistrate Hunt today heard the round-up of rural hotels in Elgin County last week. There were two charges against Charles Weiner, and the crown attorney said if he would plead guilty to one the second charge would be withdrawn. This was done and Weiner was fined \$100 and \$5 costs. The same procedure was followed in the case of Dan Butler, of the Orwell Hotel, on which a third party held a chattel mortgage, not ordered to be destroyed.

Pere Marquette to Boom Port Stanley This Year

The Favorite Resort Will Be Made Very Attractive for Visitors.

The Pere Marquette is preparing to make things hum at Port Stanley the coming summer.

It is the intention of the company to put in all sorts of legitimate amusements, and all winter negotiations look to this end have been going on.

Today Mr. R. H. McBroom, of the McBroom Amusement Company, Buffalo, went with Traveling Passenger Agent Kearns to the Port to look over the situation.

It is understood that Mr. McBroom is anxious to put in a figure-eight and other such amusements at the lakeside, and the Pere Marquette is only too anxious to assist him.

Under the lease held by the L. E. and D. R. R., and under which the Pere Marquette operates the line, the company has the right to grant all amusement privileges at the Port.

It is understood that the company will endeavor to have the favorite resort made very attractive for visitors this year, and that the passenger business will be boomed as it was never before.

N. WELLINGTON'S MEMBER DEAD

Mr. Thomas Martin Passes Away at Ottawa, Following an Operation.

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Ottawa, March 12.—Thomas Martin, M. P., for North Wellington, died at the general hospital here this morning. He had undergone an operation on Friday last for gall-stones. He was not in good health all session. Last time he spoke in the House was on Mr. Blain's cigarette resolution. Deceased was 57 years of age. He was first elected to Parliament at last general election.

TO PUT UP PRICE.

Chicago, March 12.—The generally congested condition of railroads, and the resultant shortage of cars will cause an advance of prices on manufactured products of the American Paper and Pulp Association for 1907 and 1908. This was the result of a meeting of the eastern and western members of the association held here yesterday.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—UNSETTLED.

Toronto, March 11—8 p.m.

A few light snowflakes have occurred today in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine and nearly everywhere mild. A depression, centered tonight in the Missouri Valley, indicates unsettled conditions for the lake region.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 2-18; Atlin, 10-23; Port Simpson, 32-40; Victoria, 38-40; Vancouver, 34-47; Edmonton, 12-20; Calgary, 12-18; Winnipeg, 16-22; Qu'Appelle, 16-24; Parry Sound, 4-36; Toronto, 20-40; Ottawa, 8-38; Montreal, 16-34; Quebec, 8-32; St. John, 14-38; Halifax, 16-32.

FORECASTS.

Tuesday, March 12—8 a.m.

Today—Strong winds; mild and showery. Wednesday—Cloudy and unsettled.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	2	-4	Clear
Winnipeg	8	6	Clear
Port Arthur	30	26	Cloudy
Parry Sound	30	24	Snow
Toronto	34	30	Cloudy
Ottawa	14	10	Fair
Montreal	24	20	Fair
Quebec	12	10	Clear
Father Point	18	10	Clear

The sign — indicates below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

Another energetic storm is centered near Sable Island, and marked depressions exist in the upper lake region and in the West-southwest States. Light snowfalls have occurred in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and sleet and rain is falling this morning in the lake region.

Detroit, March 11.—Lower Michigan: Tuesday—Rain or snow; warmer in east portion. Wednesday—Local snows and colder; brisk south winds, shifting to northwest.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 38°; lowest, 18° above zero.

MAY STILL HIRE RIGS ON SUNDAY

Nothing in the New Lord's Day Law Seriously Affects the Livemen.

Local livemen are much exercised over the effect the new Lord's Day act will have upon them in the hiring of rigs on Sunday.

This morning Ald. Rose, who is a liveman, had City Clerk Baker go carefully over the statutes, with the result that nothing against the hiring of rigs to anyone for his or her personal use could be found.

The new law merely prevents "bus ride parties, etc., on the Sabbath. So far as known, livemen rigs for pleasure may still be hired.

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