

CRIMINAL LIBEL ON KING CHARGED

Crown Advocates Take Action Against Publishers Who Circulated Morganatic Story King Barred by Law from Giving Evidence -- Expected to End Rumor at Once

London, Jan. 29.—The "News of the World" says that King George's advisers have instituted criminal libel proceedings, with the object of ending once for all rumors which have been freely circulated for years that His Majesty, when Prince of Wales, wasmorganatically married to a daughter of an admiral at Malta. The defendant in the case is Edward F. Mylius, who is said to be connected with the paper "The Liberator," published in Paris, which printed the statements on which the libel charge is based. Mr. Mylius was arrested some weeks ago, charged at Bow Street, committed for trial, and sent to jail. In the ordinary way the case would be tried in the Central Criminal Court but on application of the Crown it will be brought up in the high courts on Wednesday next before Lord Chief Justice Alveston and a special jury. According to a statement in the "Liberator" the defendant intends to file a plea of justification, and also to subpoena the King as a witness. The constitutional law, however, makes it impossible for His Majesty to give evidence in his own courts, notwithstanding that he may be anxious to do so. Practically all of the London Morning papers publish stories of the intention of the King's advisers to carry the case to the courts on the charge of criminal libel. It is noteworthy that the Morning Post, referring to the arrest of Mylius on December 26 in a recent article, said that he was charged with being concerned in the publication of seditious statements, but the paper made no reference to the allegedmorganatic marriage, merely saying that the alleged seditious statements referred, among other things, to the policy followed by this country in Egypt and India. The Post also published a long article on the constitutional law, in such an unusual case, saying that the police arrested Mylius during a legal vacation and had abstained from charging him in police court, according to the usual procedure. Application was made to the vacation judge in chambers, who issued a writ of habeas corpus, and then committed him to custody, fixing the bail at \$100,000, which the prisoner was unable to furnish. The result of this action of the police was that Mylius was legally committed without publicity, and until recently the London papers have made but brief reference to the case. It is understood that the proceedings in the suit are brought under a statute 200 years old.

REFUNDS ON G.T.P. FRAUDS Half a Million Dollars Will Be Held Back From Contractors As Result of Inquiry Into Over Classification.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 29.—Half a million, approximately, is to be deducted from contracts on the eastern division of the National Transcontinental Railway in respect to over-classification and allowances for overbreak. This is the effect of the award of the arbitrators, Gordon Grant, for the Transcontinental commissioners, E. B. Kellner, for the Grand Trunk Pacific, and Collingwood Schreiber, C.M.G., chairman. The report has been sent to the government and represents several months of work in which the different sections were examined and notes taken on each cut. The finding of arbitrators does not say in so many dollars how much is to be deducted, but it takes each particular part of the work complained of and lays down a ruling as to what the measurements and allowances should have been. This will be compared with what was allowed and if the latter is in excess of the arbitrators' findings, deduction will have to be made accordingly. As stated about half a million dollars will be taken off contractors and sub-contractors. It will come out of drawbacks held by the government. The complaints were made by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, whose concern arises from having to pay interest on the total cost of the eastern section. If dissatisfied with the award those who are affected will have the right to appeal to the Exchequer court. The contracts involved are about sixty million dollars.

QUEENS COUNTY FARMER BLOWS HIS HEAD OFF

Delirious From Pneumonia, Albion St. George Takes His Own Life In Desperate Fashion—Put Shot Gun In His Mouth.

Young's Cove, Jan. 29.—While delirious from pneumonia, with which he was suffering, Albion St. George, a well known resident of Young's Cove Road, blew the top of his head off this morning, and died instantly. He placed the muzzle of a shot gun in his mouth and discharged the contents of the gun into his head. Mr. St. George had been attacked with pneumonia on Saturday, but his condition was not thought to be serious. This morning he was alone in his bedroom, when he arose from bed, and went into an adjoining room, where a shot gun was hanging. Taking the gun down, he placed the muzzle in his mouth and, with dreadful determination and intent, pulled the trigger. The heavy charge tore through his head, and he fell to the floor dead. The whole top and back of his head was practically blown off. Members of his family, attracted by the shot, rushed to the room and were horrified to find Mr. St. George lying dead on the floor, while spattered blood and the ghastly wound bore mute testimony to his awful deed. Dr. Egrie, the coroner, was at once summoned, and decided that an inquest was unnecessary, as there was no doubt the unfortunate man was delirious from the effects of his illness when he took his life. Mr. St. George was 75 years of age, and is survived by his wife and one child. The horrible affair has cast a gloom over the community, and the deepest sympathy is expressed for the bereaved ones.

CANADIAN IS SHOT IN MEXICO

Mariuis Cox Victim Of Bandits In Attempt To Assist Mormon Family Under Fire—Rebels Occupy Town.

Mexico City, Jan. 26.—San Juan Evangelista, terminal of a branch of the Tehuantepec railway and San Juan Jalapa, near Coahuila, are reported despatches from Vera Cruz to have been occupied by revolutionists under the command of Dr. Enrique Silmanares Rivas, president of a political club in Atoyac, state of Vera Cruz. Rivas is said to have been at the head of former rebellions in Guatemala and to have passed several years in Cuba. An account of murder and savagery of which an American Mormon family and a young Canadian were victims reached here today in a private letter from Dublin, near Casas Grandes. Four bandits attacked and robbed the home of James Morlensen and brutally mistreated Mrs. Morlensen and a 13 year old daughter. Subsequently the latter was shot and killed while preparing a meal at the command of the robbers. An American by the name of Medison, escaped and in reply to his appeal, Mariuis Cox, a native of Canada, attempted to assist the Morlensen family, but fell dead under the fire of the bandits.

POPE'S DECREE ON MODERNISM OATH

Berlin, Jan. 28.—Widespread interest has been aroused by a letter sent by the pope to Cardinal Fischer, archbishop of Cologne, relative to the oath disavowing modernism, which is now required of theological professors by the Vatican. Already this ruling has resulted in the withdrawal of several members of the theological faculty at the University of Munich, and has called forth a sharp controversy in the press. The Pope says in part: "In fulfillment of duty so far as God's praise is directly concerned, the struggle should not be shunned. On the contrary it should be courageously entered upon." A recommendation follows that exemption for other reasons should not be permitted.

DEATH OF PAINTER. London, Jan. 28.—John Macwhirter, the painter, died today. He was born near Edinburgh 74 years ago.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONNAUGHT'S COMING

Exclusive Story in Standard Confirmed by Cablegram Received at Ottawa Yesterday Will Arrive in September and Stay Two Years at Least -- Duchess Will Accompany Him



H. R. H. DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

London, Jan. 29.—It is officially announced that the Duke of Connaught will succeed Earl Grey in September as Governor General of Canada. He will hold the appointment for two years and that period may be extended. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 29.—The official announcement of the appointment of the Duke of Connaught as Governor General of Canada in succession to Earl Grey was received today. A cablegram from the Colonial Secretary to His Excellency, stated that His Highness will be here in September, and that the term of his office will be two years. No doubt the Duchess of Connaught will accompany him.

H. R. H. Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, was born on May 1st, 1850, the third son of Queen Victoria. He married Princess Louise Margaret, daughter of the late Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia. In 1907, he was appointed a field marshal, and commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean forces, and High Commissioner for Great Britain in the Mediterranean, with headquarters in Malta. His eldest daughter Princess Margaret, married in June 1905, Prince Gustavus Adolphus, Crown Prince of Sweden. His son, Prince Arthur, aged 26, has been called the handyman of the Royal Family, and has been on many important missions; he conveyed the Garter to the Emperor of Japan. Another child is Princess Victoria Patricia Helen Elizabeth.

NOTHING TO GAIN FROM CANADA TRADE

Kingston Board Of Trade Informs Jamaican Government That United States Is Natural Market.

Kingston, Ja., Jan. 29.—The royal commission which investigated commercial conditions in Jamaica, recommended the appointment of a West Indian representative in Canada for the furtherance of trade relations between the Dominion and the British colonies in the Caribbean. In reply to this recommendation, the Kingston chamber of commerce has informed the government that Jamaica has nothing to gain from such an arrangement, the United States being the island's natural market.

E. STUART PHELPS PASSES TO REST

Newton, Mass., Jan. 29.—Elizabeth Stuart Phelps-Ward, author and lecturer, died at her home at Newton Centre last night after a short illness at the age of 67 years. Her husband Herbert D. Ward, was in the south when she was taken ill and reached home only today. Mrs. Ward was born in Boston on August 31, 1844. She began to write for the press when but 13 years old. She was the author of "The Gipsy Series" of four volumes appearing in 1865. From that time until very recently, hardly a year passed that a book from her pen was not published.

A QUESTION FOR MR. PUGSLEY.

The proposed reciprocity treaty with the United States by the removal of the duty from Canadian food stuffs, including wheat, cannot result otherwise than to throw open the products of Western Canada to American railways. Already the Hill railroads have feelers along the border country in the West at various intervals, awaiting an opportunity to cross the boundary line, and enter the Canadian market. The immediate result of such an agreement will be the invasion of the West, and American traffic lines will be rushed to completion. This concession to a rival to the British market, a rival of enormous and increasing consuming power nearer home, will aim a deadly blow at Canada's export trade with Great Britain through Canadian ports, the effect of which will be easily apparent. The movement of millions of bushels of Western wheat and other food stuffs from north to south, will not only deprive the port of St. John of a great source of revenue but, as the trade with the United States and through United States ports, increases, will threaten the position St. John has attained as the Winter Port of Canada. There is no phantom in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speeches, which Mr. Pugsley is so fond of quoting to the people of this province as the Premier's declaration made in the city of St. John that he would "never rest until every pound of Canadian freight is carried through Canadian channels to Canadian ports." There is no more frequently put forward by Mr. Pugsley and his organs, the Telegraph and the Times, in their efforts to show that he is entitled to the support and confidence of this community, than his single hearted devotion to the cause of upbuilding and developing the city of St. John. Glowing speeches and the awarding of dredging contracts to party supporters count for little where the supremacy of this port is threatened. Is Mr. Pugsley, as the representative of New Brunswick and this constituency in the cabinet, urging the adoption of this treaty which will divert Canadian trade to American channels and American ports? Does he slavishly support Laurier, the opportunist, in his anti-British policy, or does he stand for Empire trade and for St. John? The people of this city and province will want to know what Mr. Pugsley is going to do about it.

COULD NOT GET MONCTON HAS SMALLPOX CASE

Allan Line Steamer Corsican Bourgeois Hotel Quarantined Anchored Outside Harbor While Storm Raged Saturday—Day Late In Arriving.

Halifax, Jan. 29.—The Allan liner Corsican which arrived in port Saturday from Liverpool with the English mail, and in cases of smallpox, suffered terrible weather of Halifax in a blizzard Saturday morning. Capt. Cooke arrived at the harbor at 6 o'clock and ran into the worst storm of the winter. The wind was blowing 50 miles an hour and after several attempts to make the harbor, the captain decided to anchor until the evening when the wind shifted. The blizzard that swept the coast last night was one of the worst for years. It is remarkable that considering the fierceness of the storm no damage was sustained. Owing to her inability to get into this famous harbor of Halifax the Corsican that will not arrive here till this morning. It is sometimes said that a ship can go into Halifax in any kind of weather, but there are times when captains who have used the harbor for years, prefer to stop outside.

PRUSSIA MUST LEAD GERMANY

Imperial Chancellor Says Universal Suffrage Would Mean Change in Government—Alsace-Lorraine.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Addressing the Reichstag on the subject of the constitution proposed for Alsace-Lorraine, Chancellor Von Bethmann, delivered today made a strong declaration of policy and firm intention to maintain Prussia's supremacy in the councils of the empire. The chancellor said that the government was working always towards granting more independence to the conquered provinces but was firmly resolved to suppress energetically all efforts to arouse a feeling antagonistic to Germany among the inhabitants as such efforts only hindered the fulfillment of Germany's intentions. Replying to the criticism that the suffrage offered Lorraine was more liberal than that of the kingdom of Prussia, the chancellor said that suffrage must conform to the varying conditions of the different states and declared that Prussian suffrage must be so arranged as to give to Prussia to which leadership in the imperial policy had been entrusted, the possibility of maintaining a constant policy of constitutional conservation. Should universal suffrage be introduced there it would make the position of the chancellor and the ministers dependent on the vote of a majority of the masses. Each election might bring a change of minister and parliament would dictate the imperial policy which might be reversed with every election. It would mean the disorganization of the empire.

LORD AYLMER ON VISIT.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—General Lord Aylmer, former adjutant-general of Canada, is in Ottawa on a business trip from Kootenay.

FRUIT GROWERS ASK PROTECTION

Church Built by R. Gibson Burned Down Handsome Edifice At Marysville Which Cost \$65,000 Totally Destroyed By Fire—Adjoining House Burned—Gunter in Trouble.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 29.—The Methodist church, built by Alexander Gibson, st. thirty-eight years ago and dedicated during the pastorate of Rev. Robert Wilson, who now resides at St. John, was completely destroyed by fire this afternoon. The church was the most elaborate edifice of its size in Canada, being a frame building and costing upwards of \$65,000. The interior decorations of the church were most brilliant, being the work of artists brought from New York. The furnishing of the edifice was complete in every detail, the organ also being imported from New York. Mr. Gibson presented the church to the Methodist people of Marysville at the time of its dedication, and for years contributed practically the entire cost of upkeep of the church and the salaries of the ministers, organist etc. The church was insured for \$10,000 in the Guardian Insurance Company. Defective Flue. The fire is believed to have found its origin from a defective flue or chimney. Shortly after 1 o'clock the church was found in flames. An alarm had been given, but it was too late to do anything toward stopping the progress of the flames without any fire fighting apparatus. Scores of men willing to do anything to help save the building were powerless as the flames had gained such headway. During the early stages of the fire an effort was made to save the residence occupied by V. P. Day, next to the church. Water became so great that the volunteer fire fighters had to withdraw. In the meantime some of the furniture had been removed from the house, but the piano and a lot of other furniture was destroyed. Several times the flames came near spreading to other buildings. Mr. Day had \$1,000 insurance on his furniture, so his loss is fully covered. The house was probably worth \$2,000 and was insured for \$500 in the Guardian Fire Insurance Company by the Alex. Gibson Co., by whom it is owned. A Suspicious Parcel. Special Police Officer Gunter had a lively time on Saturday evening in attempting to make an arrest. Seeing a man under the influence of liquor come from a drug store with a suspicious appearing parcel under his arm, the officer followed him and endeavored to get possession of the parcel. A scuffle ensued during the course of which Gunter received a pummeling. Finally the officer placed the man under arrest and with the use of the baton and assistance he summoned, got his man to the police station. There is some talk of action being taken against Gunter as a result of the incident.

ADD STRIKE TO PLAGUE HORROR

8,000 Russian Workmen Quit Railway On Refusal Of Company To Dismiss Chinese Laborers.

IRISH PARTY FOUND ELECTION EXPENSIVE

Redmond's Trustees Issue Appeal For Funds With Cheering Message That Victory Is Now Within Sight.

NAUGHTY GALT.

Galt, Ont., Jan. 29.—License Inspector Knowles, of South Waterloo, yesterday seized 25 cases of lager beer on the Grand Trunk property consigned to a Galt citizen. This is the second case of the kind since Galt became a local option town. \$200,000 FIRE LOSS. Hamilton, Ohio, Jan. 29.—The plant of the Carr Milling Company was destroyed by fire today. The loss is \$200,000.

Delegation of 1,000 from Niagara Peninsula to Demand Defeat of Reciprocity Agreement

First Step Taken in Dealing With Bill at Washington—Chairman Paine Not in Charge

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 29.—With only one day's notice, a big mass meeting of Niagara district fruit growers was held here yesterday afternoon to protest against the reciprocity proposals affecting the tender fruit industry. Both political parties were represented and while the speeches were moderate in tone, the sentiment was plainly hostile to the Washington agreement. It was decided to organize a deputation of 1,000 fruit growers to lay a protest before the government at Ottawa and some of the prominent fruit men offered to pay the expenses of two, three or four delegates. A lengthy resolution, drafted by a committee of 17 men, was unanimously adopted. It set forth that the proposed agreement would seriously affect the Canadian fruit and vegetable industries and would mean thousands of growers, and concluded by protesting against the abrogation of the present duties, calling upon the government to find some other means of securing concessions from the United States. A committee was named to arrange transportation rates for a monster deputation to Ottawa. Meetings will be held this week at the smaller fruit centres in the district and another mass meeting will be held in the city next Saturday.

BRITISH COLUMBIA IS AROUSED.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 29.—That the proposed reciprocity agreement will never be passed, at least not in its present form, is the opinion advanced by a number of saw mill men in Vancouver. One of them declared today that the fruit interests of the province would never submit to a reduction in duty on American goods. In addition to this, there would be a great difficulty in getting the government of this province, he thought, to allow free exportation of logs from British Columbia, even in return for the removal of certain restrictions at present working against the interests of the lumbermen here. He declared that all other duties on Canadian shingles, going across the line, would be beneficial, but it remained to be seen if shingles could be put in classification as lumber and thus made a contingent of the free export of logs from the various provinces. If this were the case, he said that it would not be surprising if some had done about shingles or any other varieties of manufactured lumber, as it was probable that the provincial government would prefer the removal of the duty on exported logs to the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Association is to hold its meeting tomorrow, when the situation will be discussed. John Hendry, the president of the association, will leave for Ottawa on Tuesday and while at the capital he proposes to confer with the leading lumbermen there with respect to the agreement. First Step at Washington. Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—To carry into effect the terms of the reciprocity agreement concluded by representatives of Canada and the United States, the first move was made today when Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, a member of the ways and means committee, presented the American bill on the subject. The bill was referred to the committee on ways and means which will take it up next week. The introduction of the bill by the Massachusetts member instead of by Mr. Payne, of New York, chairman of the ways and means committee, occasioned some comment. It is interpreted in many quarters to indicate that Mr. McCall will take a prominent part in steering the bill through the committee and in engineering its progress on the floor of the house. While members of the committee decline to discuss their prospective attitude on the measure, it has become fairly well established that the McCall bill will pass through committee and come out on the floor of the house within a comparatively short time. Continued on page 2.

PENSION FOR KING MANUEL

Lisbon, Jan. 29.—The Diario da Noticias announces that the government has decided to pay a monthly pension of \$3,200 to the deposed King Manuel. A cheque for the months of October, November and December has already been sent to the former ruler of Portugal.

MARIE HALL WEDS.

London, Jan. 28.—Marie Hall, the violinist, was quietly married in London today, to her business manager, Edward Barrington. Miss Hall has made tours in the United States, Canada and many other countries.