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BRITISH SUFFRAGES DID NOT SEE ASQUITH

But They Made a Lively Time in London Streets Today

Solid Line of Police Blocked Downing St. and Women Who Tried to Break It Are Arrested

Two Members of Militant Faction Create Scene in Restaurant—Chained Themselves to Balustrade to Interrupt Speaker at Dinner, but Were Gagged and Ejected

London, Feb. 18.—The Women's Freedom League held a large meeting in London last night and adopted resolutions to continue the militant campaign for suffrage.

Two suffragettes repeated the tactics employed in the ladies' gallery of the House of Commons some time ago by chaining themselves to a balustrade in order to interrupt Augustine Birrell, chief secretary of Ireland, who was to speak at a dinner.

The women were gagged, however, while files were brought and the chains cut. They were then expelled from the restaurant.

London, Feb. 18.—The suffragettes failed today in their attempt to present Premier Asquith the resolution adopted at yesterday's meeting of the Women's Freedom League, which declared for a continuation of the militant propaganda for suffrage.

They first attempted to march in procession, but their line being broken by the police, they mingled with a crowd of the curious, who had gathered to witness the scene and scattered singly toward Downing street.

The police, however, had completely blocked all entrances to the restaurant, and the militant suffragettes who tried to break through the lines were arrested, charged with interfering with the police.

Two a-line there, was a scene of great disorder, women time and again throwing themselves violently against the double line of police, only to be thrown back, or if they were unusually persistent, to be handed over to the police station amid cheers and hoots and hisses from the throng.

The police finally cleared the street, and the women who were not arrested, returned to their hall, where they were addressed by leaders.

The women who were taken into custody were later arraigned in a police court. They refused to pay the fines imposed and all were sent to prison for a month varying from a fortnight to a year.

FIRE IN NORTH END TENEMENT TODAY

Three Storey Wooden Building on Sheriff St. Damaged to the Extent of \$600.

Fire this morning did considerable damage to a tenement house on Sheriff street, occupied by three families. The alarm was rung in about 10.45 and the firemen soon found an ugly blaze in the upper story. In the top story resides Mrs. John Pease, in the second or middle flat, Mrs. Ross, and in the lower flat, Mrs. Margaret Hilton. The upper flat is badly gutted, the building, but the tenants are uninsured. The fire did about \$600 damage.

CITIES PRODUCE DEGENERATE RACE

Starting Statement Made in Report on English Poor—City Life Produces "Degenerate Race Morally and Physically Enfeebled"

New York, Feb. 18.—A special to the Times from London says: The royal commission which for the last three years have been studying the condition of English poor under existing laws, issued a report of 1200 pages.

Lord George Hamilton, chairman of the commission, says: "The serious feature of the report is the deliberate statement that the condition of life in London and other big towns are such as to produce a degenerate race, morally and physically enfeebled."

Last year the poor of England and Wales received public relief to the amount of \$14,000,000.

Yesterday also the registrar general issued his quarterly report, which showed that the birth rate of England and Wales for the last quarter of 1908 was 24.6 per annum per 1,000. This is 2.4 below the mean birth rate of the preceding four quarters and the lowest ever recorded for a corresponding quarter.

ST. JOHN SKATERS MAY GO TO HALIFAX

Logan, Evans, Ingraham and Nuttall May Compete in M. P. A. A. Championships.

There is a movement on foot to send Fred Logan, Walter Evans, Elmer Ingraham and Gordon Nuttall, to Halifax to skate in the M. P. A. A. championships there on Wednesday next.

The proposition is understood, that the quartette will be sent from here with the provision that the Halifax people guarantee the presence here for the Eastern champions of Basche, of Springfield, Thompson and Danforth, of Springfield, and McDonald, of Westville.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT

Louis Golding Arrested on Suspicion of Stealing \$30 From Walter Nelson.

Louis Golding, aged 39 years, who claims South Africa as his home, was arrested between 1 and 2 o'clock today by Deputy Sheriff Nelson, on suspicion of stealing \$30 from Walter Nelson, a Sydney, N. S. W. resident, who is alleged to have taken place in the Union Hotel, a building house operated by Mrs. Burns, on Union street.

THE FISH MARKET

The feature of the fish market for tomorrow's trade is the scarcity of lobsters. The crustaceans have arrived in small shipments this week, and until the rough weather on the Bay of Fundy subsides, the expectators are for continued tight shipments.

NO RESULT YET IN VOTING IN THE SYNOD OF TORONTO FOR BISHOP OF ALGOMA

Canon Cody and Bishop Thornelew of Algoma, Appear to be the Favorite Candidates But a Deadlock is Very Probable.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 18.—(Special)—Up to one o'clock today there were no results in the election for the Bishop of Toronto, to succeed the late Bishop Sweatman. The opinion still prevails that there may be a deadlock.

From the returns of yesterday's balloting in the Synod of Toronto for a successor to the late Archbishop Sweatman, it would appear that the election has resolved itself to a considerable extent into a contest between Trinity University and Wyllie College, representatives, respectively of the High and Low branches of the Anglican church. Organized effort is being made on behalf of Canon Cody, favored by the Wyllie school, and Bishop Thornelew of Algoma for the Trinity side.

Both colleges deny taking any part in the election as a corporation, their leading men are taking an active personal interest in the contest, which practically identifies the names of the colleges with the respective contestants.

On the first ballot Bishop Thornelew and Canon Cody a small majority of the laity. It was first thought that the contest would be between Canon Cody

SPANISH GOVERNMENT WAS ANXIOUS TO QUIT

They Surrendered Santiago Against General Blanco's Advice

Blanco Wanted to Fight It Out but Government Had Enough and Authorized Toral to Surrender

The Dispatches Just Published in Madrid Add Bitterness to an Already Bitter Controversy—Capitulation of Santiago Was Arranged as a Preliminary to Peace.

Madrid, Feb. 18.—The bitter controversy aroused last week by the publication here of some cablegrams exchanged between General Blanco at Havana and the government at Madrid regarding the surrender of the city of Santiago, Cuba, to General Shafter on July 17, 1898, has been further intensified by the appearance of a fresh batch of messages which demonstrate that the government, when it found that Blanco was inalterably opposed to surrender, contemplated directly with General Toral, the commander at Santiago, giving him a free hand to make terms.

Gen. Blanco on July 12 telegraphed Toral that he would try to induce Shafter, instructing him to insist that Gen. Shafter allow the Spanish Garrison to retire to Holguin or return to Spain on Spanish ships, as otherwise Spain would continue the defence. "Regarding your suggestion," General Blanco said further, "General Toral," "that some one must be found to assume the responsibility of this situation I repeat that I am responsible for everything that has occurred in Cuba since October last."

The same day General Blanco called Madrid that the junction of the third army corps with the Santiago garrison had become impossible, but that "Torol must not surrender except on honorable conditions." Madrid thereupon authorized Toral to treat independently of Blanco. Gen. Blanco, ascertaining this, sent a telegraphic warning to Gen. Shafter, but could not induce the entire fourth army corps, the 28,000 men, as the other garrisons were capable of holding out. Nevertheless, General Toral, on July 17, surrendered the whole army corps with its war material.

In transmitting the announcement of the surrender to Madrid, General Blanco reported to the government, saying he could have prevented it upon the terms made. He added "in spite of the dismemberment of the army corps, and the fact that the war can be continued."

The correspondence, which publishes these dispatches, is particularly interesting, as it shows the responsibility of Gen. Blanco and proves "the sad truth" that the capitulation was arranged as a preliminary to making peace.

A PATHETIC STORY

David Hill's Trials Capped This Morning by the Death of His Young Wife.

Mrs. David Hill, a young Irish woman, died at the home of I. C. R. Officer John Collins, early this morning, and behind the announcement is a particularly pathetic story.

David Hill, aged about 30, and his wife, who had the same age, came to St. John from their Irish home, something more than a year ago; and with them were two young children, both girls, one about a year and a half, and the other about two and a half years old.

Shortly after their arrival here, the man became acquainted with Officer Collins, and the big blizzard on learning that the stranger was an Irishman, consented to use his influence to procure Hill employment in the city. He soon got the young man placed with the Cornwell & York Cotton Mills Company. Despite the efforts to make a little home, the fight has been from the first a hard one. Mrs. Hill's health was poor, and to look after the little ones was a great effort.

Hill continued the struggle, doing his best to make things easy for his sick wife. At last the combat became an unequal one, as the wife became unable to leave her bed. Here it was that Hill found a friend in need in the person of his countryman, John Collins, as the officer, on seeing the condition of the Hill home, at once offered to take the family to his own home on Paradise Row. The offer was gladly accepted, and about ten days ago they shared the Collins home. Despite the best care, however, Mrs. Hill died this morning, and the result is two motherless tots and a heartbroken father.

REPORTS EXAGGERATED

Loss of Life in Earthquake at Sivas Was Only Thirty, But 430 Buildings Were Totally Wrecked

MCCARTHUR-McVAY CASE MAY BE SETTLED

City Council Will Have Special Session This Afternoon—May Make Compromise Offer of \$15,000 or 16,000

The McArthur & McVay suit is again under discussion at a special meeting of the common council being held this afternoon, and it is believed a basis of settlement will be reached.

His worship the mayor was in communication with alderman Baxter, one of the city's counsel, at Fredericton, over the long distance telephone this morning, and Ald. Brink, who went up to the capital, returned this evening and was greeted with the mayor for some time. As a result of the conference, a special meeting of the council was called for 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

It is understood that further negotiations have resulted in an offer of \$15,000 or \$16,000 being agreed on between council as a basis of settlement provided the sanction of the council is obtained.

The result of the meeting will be communicated to Alderman Baxter at Fredericton as soon as they have decided on the course to be pursued. The mayor and several of the aldermen were much provoked at the action of one of the members in making known the figures under discussion between the parties to the press.

THE "BRIDGE" AND DANCE OF THE WESTFIELD OUTING CLUB TONIGHT WILL BE ATTENDED BY 280 GUESTS

What will probably be the biggest social event of the season will be held this evening in Kettie's assembly room, when the Westfield Outing Club will hold a "bridge tournament" and dance. Arrangements have been made for seventy tables, which will accommodate 280 players will compete for the six prizes which have been offered. The refreshment preparations are in the hands of an efficient committee of the ladies of the association and the dance programme will consist of eight or ten dances.

A MYSTERIOUS MALADY

Frank O'Brien, of Noel, N. S., Dying From a Form of Poisoning.

Windsor, N. S., Feb. 18.—(Special)—The sad news reached here this morning that Frank O'Brien, the junior member of the firm of Omond O'Brien and Co. of Noel, is dying. He was taken suddenly ill on Sunday. Dr. Addison O'Brien, of Noel, and Dr. E. Greenham, of Mattanoh, have been almost constantly in attendance since, but cannot discover the cause of his sickness, which they suppose to be a form of poisoning.

This morning he became unconscious, and to hope is held out for his life. E. Daniel Hill, aged about 30, and his wife, who had the same age, came to St. John from their Irish home, something more than a year ago; and with them were two young children, both girls, one about a year and a half, and the other about two and a half years old.

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MONTRAL STOCKS

Montreal, Que., Feb. 18.—(Special)—Activity in Dominion Steel continued today. At first the price rose from 35 to 35 3/4, but later declined to 34 3/8. Preferred was higher, at 103. Dominion Coal was but slightly changed, at 57 3/4. Dominion Textile broke as a result of yesterday's judgment affecting lease of Dominion Cotton Company to combine as a result of which common declined from 62 5/4 to 62 1/2, and preferred from 100 to 95 1/2. Balance of market was commonplace features, the being Toronto Railway 129 1/2, Pacific 13 5/8, Montreal Street Railway 208 1/2, Consumers 89 1/2, Rio 97 3/8, Abeston 80 1/4, Detroit 62, Quebec Railway 45 1/2.

The members of the Laymen's Committee of the Methodist Churches of the city are requested to be present at the meeting in the Y. M. C. A. this evening to be addressed by Mr. Armstrong of Toronto, and Mr. Rodgers of Montreal.

PYTHIANS TO CELEBRATE

Local Lodges of Knights of Pythias Will Observe 46th Anniversary With Public Installation and Smoker.

The 46th anniversary of the founding of the order of Knights of Pythias will be celebrated tomorrow evening by the three local lodges, New Brunswick No. 1, Union No. 2, and St. John No. 3, at the Pythian Castle Hall, Germain street, and is open to the members of the order and their friends. The first part of the evening will be taken up with a public installation of the officers of the two companies of New Brunswick Lodge, and Alfred Dodge will act as installing officer. Following this ceremony, there will be musical and literary programme, after which refreshments will be served, and smoking material provided.

TWO MEN WERE TREED BY WOLVES

Basquet, Que., Feb. 17.—To be chased by wolves and to be obliged to spend the night in a tree was the experience of Mr. Edward Bravner and Mr. Joseph Nault, here one night this week. The men were on their way back from a place called Island Farm, when they were overtaken by a pack of five wolves which gave every man a good scare. The wolves were in a fenced field, and seeing that their lives were in danger Bravner and Nault climbed a tree where they were for a long while, however the tree and their hungry howlings were kept up throughout the night.

The night was cold, and if the pursued men were free from attack, they were not free from the danger of being frozen. It was a balsam tree which they were seated in. As soon as day broke the wolves made off, and the two arboreal inhabitants descending went home.

The Castellucci brothers, musical trio, who have been at the Halifax and Moncton moving picture houses arrived here today enroute to Maine to join the Jere McAville company.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Hiram B. Jones took place at 2:30 p. m. today from St. George's church, St. John west. Rev. W. H. Sampson conducted the services at the church and grave. Interment was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

The funeral of James Harris took place at half past three this afternoon from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, with services by the pastor, Rev. Mr. McKel. Interment was made in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

The funeral of George McNeil was held from the home of Mrs. Harry Daly, Westmorland Road, this afternoon at 2:30. Service was conducted by Ven. Archdeacon Raymond, and interment was in Fernhill.

HIS SHIP FROZEN SOLID IN THE ICE

Explorers Who Went on Trip up the Mackenzie River to the Arctic Ocean Write an Interesting Letter Home.

New York, Feb. 18.—Herman C. Bunker Hunt, director of the American Museum of Natural History, yesterday received a letter from Dr. M. Anderson and Dr. Stefansson, who with Dr. M. Anderson left Edmonton, Alberta, May 1908, on a trip up the Mackenzie river to the Arctic ocean to explore the geological and zoological conditions of the Mackenzie river. Some of the whaling whaler Olga, in command of Captain William Mogg who left Port Townsend, Washington, in August, 1908, was a whaling whaler, and was exploring the regions of the Arctic. Mr. Stefansson writes under date of Sept. 21, 1908, that Captain Mogg and his crew are safe, but that he is unable to abandon his ship, which is frozen in the ice, three miles off Hallett's Point Barrow, Alaska.

Mr. Stefansson and Dr. Anderson left New York last April to spend a year of two among the Eskimos of the northern coast of the North American continent, particularly east of the delta of the Mackenzie river. Some of the Eskimos had never seen a white man before Mr. Stefansson and Dr. Anderson appeared among them.

POLICE COURT

Indiscretion on the part of John Kane, a middle aged man, in wending his way to the police court this morning, after assaulting a mug, will result in a term of twenty-four hours in the lock-up at police headquarters and a term in jail, as his hunger to stand within the immediate precincts of the law will be doubly appeased. During the proceedings Kane, whose face, covered with a load of coal, resembled that of a burnt cork artist in a minstrel circle, was hurled into the court and was not acquitted in its hearing when there came the private conviction of a constable and an alderman. He expressed his disapproval of some of the remarks exchanged, and on becoming boisterous, was ushered to the street by the court sergeant. He apparently observed the mandate to emit the lightning bolt, appearing at, for he was "trekking" down the stone steps of the police building when the sergeant returned to the court. He had just resumed his seat when Kane opened the door and walked boldly into court again. Though he struggled, he was ejected by the sergeant. Constable Gibbons, and was conveyed to cell downstairs via the guard room. He was charged with intoxication and creating a disturbance in court.

Andrew Irvine, who, after serving a two months' term in jail, was liberated on Tuesday, was arrested again last night and fined \$5 or two months, summarily this morning. Being absolved from work in the hard labor squad, Irvine does not object to receiving a term in jail, particularly during the fright weather, and his hearing has devolved into one of the briefest in court annals. The clerk announces formally his name, followed by drunkenness, Irvine says "guilty," and Police Judge Ritchie performs the duties of the law inspiring "8 or 2 months."

Edward Manning, Rudolph Anderson and Charles Osborne were fined \$4 or 10 days. Osborne desired to deposit \$2 and pay the balance at a future date, but that was not comprised day.

DROWNED WHILE SKATING

Norwood, R. I., Feb. 17.—While skating hand in hand over the ice on Sand Pond today, four children were drowned when a sheet of soft ice gave way; an other was barely saved, and several persons who attempted to rescue them narrowly missed being engulfed by the icy waters. The children drowned were: Randolph Hanson, fourteen years old; Lillian Hanson, 15; D. Hanson, 16; and A. Hanson, eleven years old; Joseph Johnson, five years old. The first three were brother and sisters.

BERLN STABBER IS KEEPING AT IT

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Four more women and girls were stabbed late yesterday afternoon by the unknown criminal, who has now committed 29 assaults with a knife in the suburbs of Berlin, in the last few days. The wounds inflicted today were not severe. In one instance the stabbing occurred on the stairway of a house in which there is a police station. Many arrests have been made, but the men have been released after proving alibi.

Albert J. Peterson

Albert J. Peterson died at the Mater Misericordiae Home today at 35 years of age. He was a widower and two children at Cambridge, Mass. He is survived by three brothers—Oscar, Francis and Arthur, all of this city. Two sisters, Mrs. Fred Ferguson of this city, and Mrs. Charles E. Moore, of Maplewood, Mass., also survive. Mr. Peterson has been in the home for about ten months and was a sufferer from chronic rheumatism.