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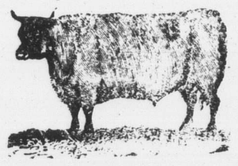

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VICTORIA TO THE YUKON.

Postmaster-General Makes Provision for Carrying Mails.

The Mounted Police Force in the Yukon to Be Materially Increased—A New Money Order System for Canada—Postal Notes to Replace Postoffice Orders—U. S. Reciprocity Commissioner Foster's First Offer to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Postmaster-General Mulock has authorized the despatch of a mail from Victoria to the several places, on the Stickeen route to the Yukon from Wrangel to Lake Teslin. The courier will leave Victoria about January 5. The mail will be confined to letters, the nature of the route precluding the conveyance of bulkier matter. Glenora, Telegraph Creek and Teslin Lake are the chief places on this route.

Increase of Mounted Police.

It has been decided to increase the force of police in the Yukon from 90, as at present, to 250, of which probably 100 will be stationed at Dawson. The balance will be stationed at Selkirk, Tagish, the Dalton Trail, the Stickeen and Hootalinqua route, and at one or two other points in the territory. The first detachment of thirty will be sent up at New Year's, sailing probably on January 5th.

New Money Order System.

Canada will adopt the postal note system in vogue in the United Kingdom. Mr. Mulock has been studying the question for some months, and is now considering the details, with a view of bringing the system into operation on July 1, 1898. Paper notes about the size of a bank bill will be printed on thin linen paper of the following denominations: 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, and 90 cents, $1, $1.50, $2, $2.50, $3, $4 and $5. The cost of obtaining these notes will be one cent each up to 40 cents, two cents between that figure and $2.50, and three cents each for all above that. These postal notes will replace the postoffice money orders for the transmission of all small sums through the post. The present money order system is a cumbersome and indirect method, and wastes much time. It will be continued, however, with some improvements, for the transmission of sums up to $100. These postal notes will serve a great public convenience, doing away with the payment of accounts in postage stamps, the postal notes being payable at any money order office without the identification of the payee or any condition other than the presentation of the note. It is expected that the rates, low as they are fixed, will give a small profit. The system is very popular in England. The number of notes issued in 1881-2, a year after the system was established, was a little over 4,000,000, which had increased in 1886-7 to 67,000,000 notes.

Text of Mr. Foster's First Offer.

The original offer made by Hon. J. W. Foster, United States Commissioner, in regard to the seal question, has been given out by the authorities here. The protocol reads: At a conference, November 16th, with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Louis Davies and Mr. Adams, of the British Embassy, Mr. Foster proposed: First, that the Governments of Great Britain and the United States agree at once to a modus vivendi providing for a complete suspension of the killing of the seals in all the waters of the Pacific Ocean and Behring Sea for one year from December, 1897, and for the suspension of all the killing of seals on the Pribyloff Islands for the same period. Second, that the British Ambassador and one or more representatives of the Canadian Government on one part, and such representative or representatives as may be designated by the President of the United States on the other part, shall, with as little delay as possible, take up for consideration, with a view to settlement by means of treaty stipulations, the fur seal question, protection of fish in the waters of the rivers and lakes contiguous to the United States and Canada, the subject of reciprocal emigration, commercial reciprocity, or any other unsettled question between the United States and Canada which either of the Governments may see proper to bring forward.

GREAT FIRE AT MONCTON.

The New Brunswick Town Suffers a Loss of About $40,000.

Moncton, N.B., Dec. 21.—Shortly after midnight Moncton's worst fire for many years broke out at the corner of Maitland and Wesley streets, in the business centre of the city, and for an hour it looked as if a general conflagration sweeping the east end of the city was certain. The property destroyed is: F. P. Reid Co., wholesale grocery, general book store, owned by Truro firm, Ruddick's block, totally destroyed; George Vies, building, general wreck; the original Methodist church of Moncton, recently used as church, and formerly as Salvation barracks; Moore's barber shop, Horsenhorn's fur store, Connor's restaurant, P. A. McGowan's overhead residence; Mrs. J. G. Dobson's millinery store, all destroyed. In nearly every case the fire made a clean sweep, and not even a wall is left. Loss $40,000; insurance $23,000.

CURRENT CABLES.

The Cunarder Eutruria was detained 24 hours in her departure from Liverpool by fog, having remained over at Queenstown until Monday morning.

The coroner's jury has rendered a verdict of wilful murder against "Mad Archer," the man who killed Actor William Terriss in London last Thursday night.

Cotton Workers' Wages Cut.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 21.—Notices of a ten per cent. reduction in wages on Jan. 1 have been posted in the Amory, Stark & Jefferson Cotton Mills in this city. The Amoskeag Mills, employing 9,000 people, posted similar notices last week. The Amory, Stark & Jefferson Mills employ 11,000 operatives.

A Year in the Central Prison.

Belleville, Dec. 21.—Robert McDonald, who stole an overcoat, gold watch and chain, was yesterday sentenced to a year in the Central.

Mrs. Mitchell, whose effects were about to be sold for rent, unearthed $500 from an old trunk.

THE PLOT THICKENS.

Hon. Mr. Tarte's Pity for His Spineless Leader—Admits the Identity of the Chapleau Coalition Letter.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—There does not appear to be any immediate prospect of a let up in the hostilities now being carried on between the Tarte and Anti-Tarte sections of the Liberal party. The Minister of Public Works is back here and seems as full of fight as ever. He declares the kickers are not able to put him out of the Government, but in replying to a friend he said: "Poor Laurier! Poor Laurier! He has no backbone."

In spite of the fact that despatches from Quebec say that Laurier's sunny ways will prevail, Mr. Tarte opens fire in La Patrie, accusing Mr. Laurier of injustice and ingratitude. He adds that all the Government members will continue to support the Ministry as it is at present constituted.

On the other hand, Le Signal, edited by Mr. R. Lemieux, M.P. for Gaspe, and others, take up the cudgels for the member for Quebec Centre and his cause.

The Chapleau Letter.

Mr. Tarte yesterday admitted the identity of the famous Chapleau letter, and when asked what it contained, made the following carefully worded statement:

"You will understand that it is not for me to give the contents of a private letter written by a man occupying such a position as does Sir Adolphe Chapleau. All I can say is that if the letter contained anything of a damaging nature it would have been published long ago. I am justified under the circumstances to repeat what I have said a few days ago in my letter to the press, that since I entered the Liberal ranks I never had any relations with Mr. Chapleau that were not with the full knowledge and with the consent of our distinguished leader and our colleagues. This country has passed through a very difficult religious crisis, and it should not surprise anybody to find such men as Sir Wilfrid and Sir Adolphe, high minded and broad minded as they are, conferring as to the best means of securing to this country peace, harmony and unison between its citizens and civil liberty."

Laurier Government Is Doomed.

The stalwarts here persist in their declaration that if Mr. Tarte does not leave the Cabinet, the Laurier Government is doomed, while it is said in other quarters that the Minister of Public Works is working his leader's courage up to present the kickers an ultimatum threating that if they do not give in, Sir Wilfrid will either leave public life or carry out Mr. Tarte's favorite policy of an alliance with Spencerwood.

Got Their Heads Together.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—The situation in regard to Dominion politics still remains unchanged, notwithstanding that there are many rumors current of an early understanding being arrived at between all parties concerned.

Yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier called on Hon. Francis Langelier, at the latter gentleman's residence, Grand Allece, and they were closeted for a considerable time together. What really occurred is not definitely known, as neither gentleman will speak on the subject. One rumor current is that Sir Wilfrid has offered the Lieut.-Governorship to Senator Pelletier, President of the Senate, but that gentleman has refused.

CANADIAN CURRENCY.

W. A. Heline, of the Canadian Pacific at Lindsay, is dead.

Mrs. Wm. Peters, who was so severely burned at Walkerville, has died at the Windsor hospital.

The Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier delivered a lecture before the Quebec section of the Provincial Bar at the Court House, Quebec, last night.

The large brick block at Wheatley, Ont., owned by Lewis Wigle, was completely destroyed by fire. Loss, $3,000 to $4,000; insurance $800.

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General for the Dominion, was elected Batonier-General of Quebec at a meeting of the Provincial Bar.

A Victoria, B.C., despatch says that thirteen of the missing men from the steamer Cleveland were found by the Quadra, having been blown north.

A Kingston despatch says: A team crossed on the ice from Amherst Island, the earliest date of crossing the Bay of Quinte in many years. Kingston harbor is not yet frozen.

The two-masted steamer Marguerite, from St. John, N.B., to New York, with a cargo of 737,000 laths, was burned at Salem, Mass., harbor. The value of the vessel and cargo was $30,000.

Robert Wilson, a Silver Lake farmer, near Bobcaygeon, was robbed and so badly beaten that the doctors for two days failed to bring him back to consciousness, and still have grave doubts of his recovery.

A fallen tree knocked away all but one support of the C.P.R. bridge at Green Creek, between Ottawa and Montreal. Fortunately this held and the engineers were enabled to repair damages before any trains passed over it.

The schooner L. T. Whitmore, from St. John, N.B., for New York, with a largo of lumber, struck solidly on Catumb, an isolated rock about half way between the easterly end of Fisher's Island and Watch Hill. The crew were saved.

A terrible gale swept Newfoundland and did immense damage to fishing establishments and vessels at all the coast settlements. Twelve schooners went ashore in Green Bay and became total wrecks and several others were badly damaged.

Charged With an Outrageous Crime.

Petrolea, Ont., Dec. 21.—A young man giving his name as Fred Connors, from Port Huron, was arrested here about 8 o'clock last night by Chief Jackson, and locked up at the Central Police Station, pending the arrival of the chief of police from Port Huron, who charges Connors with criminally assaulting his own niece.

Casey Shot His Wife.

Alpena, Mich., Dec. 21.—Maurice E. Casey, who shot his wife yesterday four times, is known all over Michigan and Canada. He was at one time styled the champion lightweight pugilist of Canada and figured conspicuously in sporting circles. Casey some years ago beat Sam Bittle, of Toronto, in a fight at Eastwood, near Woodstock, Ont.

George Arnold was sentenced to five years in Kingston Penitentiary for a murderous assault on Turnkey Bruce in Whitby jail on the occasion of his escape in 1896.

The directors of the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland have been acquitted. They were James Goodfellow, Edwin Duder, James Hitts, Frederick Goodridge, George Hutchings and Henry Cooke. They were charged with bad management, which resulted in wrecking the bank.

The trial of Fred Elliott, at Goderich, on the charge of manslaughter, was concluded when the jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy. The judge sentenced him to five years in the penitentiary.

William Terriss, the well-known English actor, was stabbed with a knife as he was entering the stage door of the Adelphi theatre, in London. He died in a few minutes. His assassin, who is supposed to be a stage hand, was arrested.

RUSSIA

The Czar Needed a Winter Station in the East—No Demonstration Intended Against Germany, Japan or Any Other Power—Sir Frank Lockwood Dead—Cable News.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—It is announced that a Russian squadron under Rear Admiral Reounow has entered Port Arthur, on the Chinese coast, with the entire acquiescence of the Chinese Government. The squadron intends to remain at Port Arthur throughout the winter. This is due solely to the need of a temporary winter station and involves no question of forcible occupation or hostile demonstration, or any intention against China, Germany, Japan or any other power.

Various Ideas About It.

London, Dec. 20.—The correspondent of the Times at Pekin says: "China approves of the Russian fleet wintering at Port Arthur, being persuaded that this action is taken in the interest of China and necessitated by the German occupation of Kiao-Chou."

A despatch to the Times from Shanghai says the occupation of Port Arthur (by Russia) cannot fail to provoke popular indignation in Japan, where public opinion is already excited over the Kiao-Chou affair.

The Paris papers, without pretending to be deceived by Russia's innocent explanations, are pleased with the action of the ally of France.

The burden of Viennese comment is, What will England do?

The British fleet now in Chinese waters consists of one ironclad, nine cruisers and 18 smaller vessels.

THE GRAECO-TURKISH WAR.

King George of Greece a Traitor—He Made a Bargain With Russia and Fulfilled It.

London, Dec. 20.—Henry Labouchere is the author of a sensational article in Truth, the authority for which is a well-known foreign diplomat. The article says: "Greece was involved in the war with Turkey owing to the endeavor of King George to bluff the Czar into hurrying the marriage of Princess Marie. The Czar declined to interfere and King George, knowing that Russia was most desirous that there should be no disturbances in the south of Europe, played with the war party until it got beyond his control. The Czar then warned King George that the Turks would occupy Athens and that his dynasty would cease to reign. King George finally entered into an arrangement with Russia, the latter promising that the Turks should not go beyond Thessaly, provided no real stand was made against them, that the Greek forces in Epirus would not seriously operate against Janina and that the Greek fleet would remain inactive. All these agreement were carried out, the Crown Prince, Prince George and Colonel Vassos all having secret orders from the King."

The Daily Chronicle, which continues to champion the cause of the Greek royal family, professes to know that the story is untrue; but it is generally believed.

The Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Greece, otherwise the Duke and Duchess of Sparta, will soon leave Athens to be absent for a year. Prince Constantine is suffering from severe nervous depression, and he and his wife, the Princess Sophia of Prussia, will go to the Riviera, and then to Germany and England.

A CHANGE OF NAME.

The Canadian Government Railway System the New Title of the Intercolonial and Leased Lines.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—The Intercolonial Railway and the Prince Edward Railway, and all the leased lines, will be officially known after January 1st as the Canadian Government Railway System.

Did He Want to Murder Her?

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Yesterday County Constables Robert Burns and W. Boyd brought to the cells at the Court House Thomas Hurlburt, farmer, living on lot 31, concession 2, Markham Township. He is charged with having administered poison to his wife, Mary Elizabeth Hurlburt, last month, for the purpose of attempting to murder her.

The couple are young people, Hurlburt being 32 years of age, and have three children, the eldest of whom is ten years old. Hurlburt is a farm laborer. His wife was ill at the time of the alleged offence.

He was brought before Magistrate Ellis this afternoon and remanded until next week.

Fires in Bracebridge.

Bracebridge, Dec. 17.—At 5.15 p.m. yesterday a fire was discovered in the Bracebridge planing mills, owned by J. R. Higgins and occupied by Tate & Bateson. A hurricane was blowing at the time, and all efforts to save the building were of no avail. The fire spread to Whaley's blacksmith shop, adjoining, and it also was consumed. While this fire was in progress the alarm was sounded for a fire in another part of the town, in an unoccupied stable. This was also consumed. The origin of both fires is supposed to be incendiary. The loss on planing mill and shops is about $ insurance,

Did Not Finish the La

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 18.—Lavey Conover, wife of the propr Huttonville Cheese Factory, from this place, died sudde residence last evening. Mrs. C engaged in writing a letter wh from her chair and instantly d blood clot on the brain was th death. Deceased was a daughte William Cook, Clerk of Toronto ship.

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and became a J.C. in 1882 and a bencher in 1887. His knighthood was conferred in 1894. Sir Frank Lockwood accompanied Baron Russell of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice of England, when the latter came to the United States and Canada in the summer of 1896 to address the American Bar Association at Saratoga.

WOMAN HORRIBLY BURNED.

Mrs. Peters, in Saving Her Children, Received Fatal Injuries.

Walkerville, Ont., Dec. 20.—A sad accident occurred here Saturday morning, in which Mrs. Peters, of Lincoln avenue, was so badly burned that she will probably not recover. Her children also are badly burned, one seriously. No one knows exactly how it occurred, as Mr. Peters had left for work about fifteen minutes before, and Mrs. Peters has not been able to tell anything about it. It is supposed the children's clothing caught on fire from the stove, and in her efforts to extinguish the flames her own clothing caught fire. She ran out doors and rolled over and over in the snow and then ran into the house next door, occupied by James Chittles, where the burning clothing was torn from her. Her hair was burned off and hardly a square inch of her body but is badly burnt. She was also burnt internally. She is now in the Hotel Dieu, Windsor.

EX-PREMIER DEAD.

Hon. James Mitchell Expires at St. Stephen, N.B.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 18.—Hon. James Mitchell, ex-Premier of New Brunswick, and Solicitor-General in the present Cabinet, died at his residence at St. Stephen at midnight of cancer of the throat after a long illness.

Hon. James Mitchell was born in 1827 in Inverkip, Scotland, came to Canada, graduated from University of New Brunswick in 1867, called to the bar in 1870, first returned to House of Assembly in 1882, was appointed Surveyor-General in 1883, and afterwards held office of Provincial Secretary, Receiver-General and Commissioner for Agriculture. He became Premier of the province on the resignation of Hon. A. G. Blair in July, 1896, and afterwards resigned.

ROYALTY READY TO FLIT.

Spaniards Are Angry—Murmuring of Revolt in Madrid.

London, Dec. 18.—According to the St. James' Gazette, private letters received here from Madrid say that General Weyler's reception there was most significant and that the Government is so alarmed by the menacing attitude of the populace that artillery has been stationed at concealed points commanding the main thoroughfares. The gunners, however, cannot be relied upon. The wildest rumors are current, with reports that preparations are making for the flight of the members of the royal family to France at the first sign of revolution.

TOM NULTY'S TRIAL.

Case to Come Up in January—Crown Asked to Pay the Defence Witnesses.

Joliette, Que., Dec. 18.—Tom Nulty, of Rawdon, was arraigned yesterday morning, and pleaded not guilty to the charge of murdering his three sisters and brother. He was remanded for trial on the 10th January next. He did not ask for a mixed jury. Rene De Salberry, counsel for Nulty, made a request, asking that the Crown be made to pay the expenses of the witnesses of the defence. The petition will be taken into consideration.

Mr. Bates' Case.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Rev. William W. Bates, of Thornhill, appeared in the Police Court again yesterday on the charge of shoplifting at the T. Eaton Co. store and was committed for trial. The Police Magistrate said the case was extremely trifling, and defendant was liberated on his own bail of $200

Allan Engineers Strike.

London, Dec. 18.—A despatch fr Glasgow yesterday says the engineers six of the Allan Line steamers now that port have gone out on strike despatch adds that the Sarmatian was due to sail, is unable that a serious disarrangi