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N. B. MUNICIPALITIES IN CONFERENCE IN MONCTON

The Eighth Annual Convention Opened at Railway City Yesterday.

INTERESTING PAPERS ON CIVIC SUBJECTS.

Financial Report Shows Organization Had Successful Year—Much Excellent Work Done by Union—Plan for Betterment Made.

Special Staff Cor. of The Standard.

Moncton, Oct. 15.—The eighth annual convention of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities opened here today with a good attendance and much important business was transacted, during which discussions were heard on live topics of interest to the municipalities and important papers were read. Among those present were A Grimmer, E. L. DeWolfe, St. Stephen; William R. Fawcett, Harry A. Smith, Hanford Sloat, William McMullen, of York county; G. E. Pearley, Sunbury county; A. J. Jensen, Victoria county; Ald. V. J. Osborne, Fredericton; Charles A. Alexander, John T. Reid, Harry W. Ferguson, Campbellton; W. B. Blanc, Dorchester; Frances P. Hunter, Charlotte county; A. McNeill, Charlotte county; Ald. F. C. Robinson, Ald. E. A. Fryers, Mayor W. K. Gross, Moncton; Ald. W. E. Farrell, Fredericton; Chamberlain D. G. Lingley, St. John.

A telegram was received by J. W. McCready, honorary secretary-treasurer, from H. R. McLellan, Commissioner Public Safety, St. John, saying that he and Peter Clinch, of St. John, would arrive here tomorrow morning. Both these gentlemen have prepared papers to read before the convention.

A meeting of the executive of the union was held about noon. At two p.m. the delegates assembled in the chamber rooms, City Hall, and the meeting was formally opened by the President, Ald. W. E. Farrell, of Fredericton.

A feature of the afternoon's sesion was an inspiring address by the Hon. John Morrissy, Minister of Public Works, in which he pointed out the need of co-operation in the various municipalities and provinces in general, disregarding political questions in order to bring about a betterment of conditions.

The meeting opened with a brief address of welcome by His Worship W. J. Gross, of Moncton, who extended a royal reception to the delegates. Brief expressions of thanks were given by George Perley, M. L. A., of Sunbury and Councillors Grimmer of St. Stephen. The president's address was then delivered, after which it was voted that the suggestions embodied in the address be handed to a committee to act on.

The report of the honorary secretary treasurer, J. W. McCready, was read, showing that with balance on hand last year and the disbursements during the year, $274.72 was on hand. The report was placed in the hands of an audit committee and favorable received on motion of Ald. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Alexander.

Hon. John Morrissy was then called and after citing the beneficial results of the union, pointed out the urgent need of more money being appropriated for the improvement of public works throughout the province. He stated that although it was not his position to say, he was aware that the roads were not in good condition. This was due to the fact that not enough money was given to the public works department. He urged the importance of establishing industries through the provinces and keeping the young blood of the country at home.

A resolution submitted by Councillor Sloat recommending that the government advance jury fees from $1 to $2 was passed after some debating. A resolution asking that the government make provisions for the breaking of winter roads was also passed. A resolution favoring that railway companies be liable to taxation on the same basis as the property of other corporations was passed. A further resolution that the government be urged to publish reports of the meeting in one of the regular annual provincial reports. A valuable paper on Provincial Unions of Municipalities and what they have done for Canada, by W. D. Lighthall, K. C., Montreal, was read by Ald. W. J. Osborne of Fredericton.

As guests of the city, the delegates had supper at the Y. M. C. A. The meeting resumed at 8 p. m. Dr. R. L. Botsford, Moncton, read a paper. Owing to an accident, J. C. Berys' lecture on Road Making was not given. An interesting paper on Road Making and Maintenance, read by Ald. F. C. Robinson, Moncton. Delegates Grimmer, Fawcett, Lingley, Morrissy, Robinson, Alexander, Jensen, were appointed a nominating committee for the executive.

The meeting adjourned until 9.30 a. m. Thursday.

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FIERCE GALE DRIVES SHIPS INTO HARBOR

Storm Which Lashed Cape Cod Tuesday Increasing in Violence — Two Bargemen Lose Lives.

Highland Light, Mass., Oct. 15.—The storm that has lashed the Cape Cod coast since Monday night appeared to be increasing today. The wind held northeast and was blowing fifty miles an hour. Further damage to shipping is reported.

Two lives were lost off here this morning when the barge Oakland broke away from her towing tug Paoli. At the rising of the gale the barge's crew of two refused rescue and stood by their craft until this forenoon, when they put out in a dory only to be swamped before they had rowed two hundred yards. Life savers, helpless to aid, saw the men drown.

The tug Thomas J. Scully returned to Vineyard Haven from the eastward with the barge Knickerbocker in a sinking condition, and having lost her second barge, the R. R. Thomas. The Knickerbocker was beached.

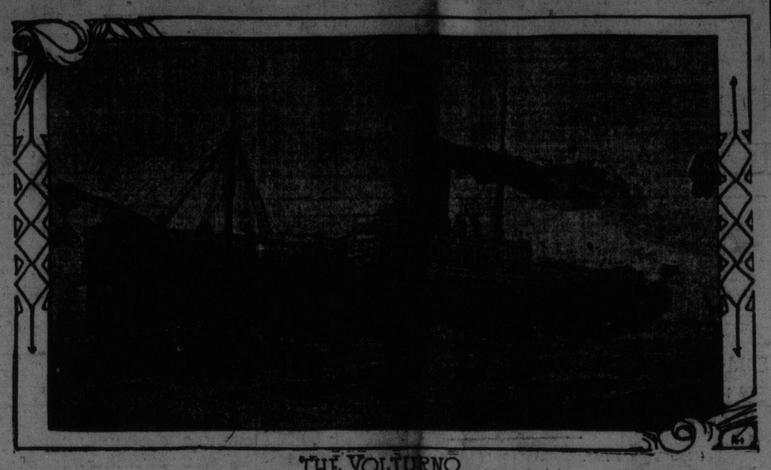
Nine tugs which left here with 25 barges, coal laden, Monday, came into the harbor today, having anchored their tows under the Yarmouth shore. None had sighted the tug Mary F. Scully, which was in the fleet Monday with the barges Governor Robie and I. F. Chapman. A four-masted schooner was reported in distress near Pollock Rip.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD WILL PROBE WIRELESS

Arrangements Made at Meeting in Brussels for Committees to Carry on Extensive Wireless Researches.

Brussels, Oct. 15.—The Provisional International Wireless Committee, at a meeting here today, decided on the organization of committees in all the countries adhering to the wireless telegraph treaty, which was signed at London, in July, 1912, to aid the governments in extensive wireless ob- will be carried out with the object, first, of determining a way to insure constancy and steadiness of wireless waves; secondly, measuring the variations in singles and atmospheric disturbances at the different stations; third, comparing the intensity of signals.

THIRD OFFICER OF VOLTURNO DESCRIBES FEARFUL SCENES



THE VOLTURNO.

Fire, Caused by Explosion of Chemical Tanks, Spread Rapidly Driving Passengers Crazy with Fear—Boats from Rescuing Liners Did Brave Work 'Mid Terrible Sea.

New York, Oct. 15.—New York took in and sheltered today the first survivors of the steamship Volturno to arrive in this country—105 in number—brought into port by the Grosser Kurfurst, the North German-Lloyd liner that sent the first rescue boat careening across the heavy seas, that made so difficult the task of removing passengers and crew from the burning ship.

The wireless had brought ashore graphic accounts of last week's sea tragedy; and today from the lips of some of the Volturno's saved there came descriptions continuing the intimate details for which the world had waited, accentuating the heroic conduct of the Volturno's captain, officers and crew, and of the men who manned the lifeboats that put forth from other ships.

The explosion of a drum containing chemicals was the cause of the fire, according to a story told by Waldron Disselman, third officer of the Volturno. Disselman gave a thrilling narrative of the long hours spent on his fire-ridden ship, fighting the flames, sustaining the crippled wireless plant, lowering lifeboats, quieting the panic-stricken, steering the vessel by hand to keep her from drifting, fighting the battle unaided because the waves were running too high for small craft from other ships to accomplish the journey to the Volturno's side.

In broken English, Waldron Disselman, third officer of the Volturno, a quiet-mannered man of about thirty-five, told of his experience during the eighteen hours he was aboard the fire-swept vessel. The cause of the fire he established as an explosion of a drum containing chemicals or oil in the forward part of the vessel.

How Fire Started.

"I was just going to the bridge," he said, "when the first explosion occured. The Volturno trembled as if she had been struck by a heavy shell. Almost immediately other drums began to explode. There was a rapid fire of explosions that sounded like cannonading.

"Captain Inch was on the bridge. I heard him shout out to man the lifeboats. The passengers came running in panic to the decks. The sailors sprang to the davits. A gale was howling and the seas were swooping in great rollers around us. The passengers crowded to the rails so that the sailors had difficulty in lowering the boats. Meantime the small drums and cases of chemicals were exploding by the dozen every minute. No one thought the ship could last five minutes.

"Flames swept up from No. 1 compartment, forward, and leaped to the forecastle. Within a few minutes it was blazing. The gale fanned the fire.

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W.C.T.U. ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Mrs. Gordon Wright Again President of Dominion Organization—Mrs. M. McWha N. B. Vice-president.

London, Ont., Oct. 15.—Mrs. Gordon Wright, of this city, was today elected president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The Hon. President, Mrs. Annie C. Rutherford, of Toronto, will likely again fill that position.

The vice-president remains the same Mrs. L. C. McKinney, of Alberta, being re-elected. So also was the recording secretary, Mrs. E. W. McLachlan, of Montreal. The corresponding secretary will be Mrs. Atchison, of Toronto, and the treasurer, Mrs. Jeannette Bullock, of St. John's, Que.

The "Y" secreatry for the coming year will be Mrs. Grace Boyd, of Toronto, while Mrs. A. McLachlan, of Hamilton, was elected secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion. The vice-presidents ex-officio are:—Mrs. Mary Sanderson, of Quebec; Mrs. Hattie A. Stevens, of Ontario; Mrs. H. McWha, of New Brunswick; Mrs. A. L. Powers, of Nova Scotia; Mrs. Smith, of Manitoba; Mrs. L. McKinney, of Alberta; Mrs. W. W. Andrews, of Saskatchewan, and Mrs. G. Spofford, of British Columbia.

Mrs. Coles, of Ottawa, will fill the position of editor of the White Ribbon Bulletin.

The sub-executive will be composed of the officers elected today and the vice-presidents ex-officio. The superintendents of the different departments will be elected tomorrow, and will, with those on the sub-executive, form the whole executive.

London, Ont., Oct. 15.—The treasurer's report of the Dominion W. C. T. was the only business before the convention here today, the entire morning being taken up with the discussion. The total receipts for last year were $746,531. The disbursements were $530,618 showing a balance of $205,913.

An unusual move, the first in the history of the organization was the admittance, by direct affiliation with the Dominion body, of the northern district of Montreal. This was done by a resolution this morning.

PULLS SCHOONER FROM REEF.

Beaufort, N. C., Oct. 15.—The revenue cutter Seminole succeeded today in freeing the four-masted schooner John Tewhy, of Boston, from a stranded position on the Cape Fear bar. The schooner has been taken in to Southport, N. C.

FISHER SAYS WILL PROTEST CHATEAUGUAY

Liberal Leaders Confer in Montreal and Decide Upon This Action — Unmarked Ballots Found in Boxes.

Montreal, Oct. 15.—"The election of Chateauguay will be protested," said the Hon. Sydney Fisher, after a lengthy conference of the leaders of the Liberal party and prominent Liberals of Chateauguay, held at the Windsor Hotel this afternoon.

Action for the appeal will be taken at once, it is said, as there is a strong feeling among the Chateauguay Liberals in favor of protest.

"We will have evidence that will undoubtedly squash the election," said Mr. Fisher.

"Will there be any prosecutions?" Mr. Fisher was asked.

"I do not see how the guilty can escape, when the evidence at the hearing has been given," said Mr. Fisher. "The prosecution will follow as a matter of course."

Montreal, Oct. 15.—Some half dozen uninitialed ballots found in the ballot boxes from Polls 3 and 17, the former in the parish of St. Chrysostom and the latter in the parish of St. Sacrament, caused Returning Officer J. E. C. Bumbray to postponse the official count of the Chateauguay election at St. Martin's, today. Mr. Bumbray returned to Montreal tonight to take legal advice on the question of rejecting these ballots, and announced that the count will be resumed on Tuesday next.

The election law requires that each ballot presented to a voter shall be initialled by the election clerk before the voter makes his mark. This seems to have been omitted in several cases, but it is stated that should all these ballots be rejected they will not make any material difference in the results previously announced.

U. S. REVENUE CUTTER PICKS UP DERELICT

Boston, Oct. 15.—The burned and abandoned steamer Templemore, which was picked up by the revenue cutter Androscoggin south of Nantucket Lightship last Monday, is now in tow, the cutter having managed to get a line to the hulk in spite of the gale and high seas.

A message received from the Androscoggin's commander tonight said that the derelict was still on fire forward. The cutter and her tow are making only two knots an hour in a course north by west. Their position at the time the wireless despatch was sent was latitude 39.55, longitude 67.54.

WILD WOMEN SENTENCED

Found Guilty of Attempting to Fire Large Country Home —Riot in Court Follows — Arrests Made.

Glasgow, Oct. 15.—Two militant suffragettes, Margaret Morrison, an artist, and Mrs. Smith, a well known woman doctor, were sentenced today at the court of sessoins to eight months imprisonment each for attempting on July 24 to set fire to a large mansion in a Glasgow suburb, which was at one time the residence of the late Sir John Muir, a former Lord Mayor of Glasgow.

There was a wild scene in court when the judge, Lord Salvesen, pronounced the sentence. Irate suffragettes hurled vegetables and apples at the judge's head and sung the "Marseillaise." Three woman were arrested.

ASKS SUIT DISMISSED

Mrs. Clarence MacKay Says She Did Not Alienate Affections of Dr. Joseph Blake

New York, Oct. 15.—Mrs. Clarence H. MacKay, suffrage leader and wife of the head of the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company, broke her silence today regarding the million-dollar suit filed against her by Catherine K. Blake, for alleged alienation of the affections of her husband, Dr. Joseph A. Blake, surgeon. Through her personal counsel, Arthur C. Train, Mrs. MacKay denies all of Mrs. Blake's allegations in a formal answer filed in the Supreme Court and characterizes Mrs. Blake as one who has a jealous disposition, an ungovernable temper and "no affection or love for her husband," who at one time, it is alleged, she threatened to kill. Since 1895, Mrs. MacKay avers, Mrs. Blake has had no affection for the doctor.

Mrs. MacKay says she did not meet Dr. Blake until 1909, long after the breach had come between him and his wife, and she prays, therefore, that the suit against her be dismissed.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION DEFENDS RUSSIAN JEWS

Ritual Murder Trial at Kiev Strongly Condemned by Meeting.

BELIEVES CHARGES TO BE UNFOUNDED.

Resolution Calls Upon all Members of Clergy and Laity to Sign Petition — Much Evidence Comes Out at the Trial.

New York, Oct. 15.—The ritual murder trial at Kiev, Russia, was condemned in a resolution adopted today by the House of Deputies, the joint clerical and lay body of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at the triennial general convention. The Episcopalians also took steps to amend their prayer book by eliminating the passage in the Good Friday collect where Jews are classed with "infidels, Turks and heretics."

In presenting the resolution regarding the Kiev trial, the Rev. Dr. Wm T. Manning, rector of Trinity church New York, said:

"Jews in this city are deeply moved by this matter. Jewish brethren have asked me to bring before this convention a protest, voicing the sentiments contained in a petition signed in England by the Archbishop of Canterbury and by many bishops, clergy and laymen of the church."

The resolution said:

"We call upon the archbishops, bishops and other members of the Holy Orthodox Eastern Church of Russia to make formal pronouncement that charges of so-called 'ritual murders' are without foundation or justification in the teachings and practice of the religion of Israel.

"We remind them that in the early days of Christianity similar charges were made by ignorance and superstition against our own most holy religion."

The committee on prayer book of the house of deputies reported favorably on a proposition to amend the third collect in the Good Friday service by omitting the words, "all Jews, infidels, Turks and heretics" from the general prayer for humanity. Consideration of the committee's report was postponed, however, to permit discussion regarding a further amendment which proposed that this prayer be offered for "the ancient Jews and all atheists."

Trial Continued.

Kiev, Russia, Oct. 15.—The examination of witnesses was continued today in the trial of Mendel Beiliss, accused of having committed a "ritual murder." Detective Polistchuk, who was prominent in the early investigation of the murder of the boy Andrew Yushinsky, in testifying this afternoon, virtually charged Krassovsky, the former head of the Kiev detective service, with poisoning Eugene Tcheberiak and his little sister Valentine, who, it was alleged, had seen Beiliss dragging off Yushinsky. He said he believed that both died from eating cakes that had been given to them by Krassovsky.

Krassovasky, as inspector of police, was engaged in the case, and in a report drawn up months ago, gave it as his opinion that the killing had been done by a band of criminals, the head of whom was Vera Tcheberiak, mother of the two children, Eugene and Valentine.

Part of Polisctchuk's testimony was directed against a previous witness named Shneerson, with the apparent object of impdicating Shneerson in the murder. His evidence was delivered in a voice so low that it could scarcely be heard. It included stories of Jews of princely blood residing in the lodgings of Beiliss and similar incidents.

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SULZER'S FATE WILL BE KNOWN THIS EVENING

High Court of Impeachment Adjourned With Deliberations Unfinished—No Official Information Given Out.

Albany, Oct. 15.—It is likely that the fate of Governor Sulzer will be known by tomorrow night.

The high court of impeachment adjourned tonight with its deliberations unfinished, but it was said that the final vote probably would be taken at an open session tomorrow afternoon.

No official information of this report could be had, however, as all the deliberations of the court today were held in secret behind closely guarded doors. No record of the proceedings was kept, and a ban of silence has been placed on members of the tribunal.

When adjournment was taken shortly after seven o'clock tonight, two hours beyond the usual time, the judges filed out under guard, and the senators hurried from the chamber to the streets instead of remaining to discuss the case, as has been their wont.

There has been an insistent rumor that the case had progressed so far as to have reached an informal vote on the guilt or innocence of the governor on the first article of the impeachment. This article charges the governor with falsifying his campaign statement. The names of only 32 of the 57 members of the court had been called when it was decided to adjourn, it was announced. Each member, it was said, was given an opportunity to express his opinion on the merits of the article and the same procedure will be followed at the open session tomorrow.

It was reported that practically all the members took the opportunity to present their views today, and that one senator who is favorable to the governor consumed nearly an hour.

GOLD RESERVE WORKING WELL

Plan Adopted by Dominion Government to Increase Canadian Bank Note Circulation is Fulfilling its Object.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—The central gold reserve established by the government at Montreal under the privisions of the Bank Act of the last session, has entered upon its work, and, according to advices received here, is fulfilling the object for which it was created, namely, to increase the note circulation. Deposits of about four million dollars are reported. For every dollar deposited in gold in this reserve the banks making the deposit may issue an equivalent in note circulation. This is in addition to the ordinary powers and those exercised under the provisions governing emergency circlation. The institution is designed as a factor in increasing the circulation at periods, such as those of the crop movement, when it is most needed, the gold reserves is directed by a board of trustees upon which the government is represented by the Royal Trust Company. The star trustees are the Montreal, Royal, and Commerce Banks.

HOPE ABANDONED FOR SAVING 368 PRISONERS IN COAL MINE

Now Feared No More Men Will be Rescued from Universal Colliery in Wales Where Fearful Explosion Occurred on Tuesday.

Cardiff, Wales, Oct. 15.—All hopes of rescuing more of the miners entombed in the Universal Colliery, where a great explosion occurred yesterday, have virtually been abandoned. The report that a party of 29 men had been found alive in one of the galleries has proved to be erraneous, but a large number of dead bodies were encountered today.

No official reports have been issued and this has caused much comment. Fire broke out anew this afternoon and is still raging. There are no further signs of life in the pit.

Up to a late hour tonight forty-nine bodies had been recovered, while 368 miners were still entombed. The shift which went into the mine yesterday numbered 931.

The engineers have decided to devote their efforts to subduing the fire, as they believe it useless to persist in the attempt at rescue.

UNCLE SAM MAY RESORT TO SHOW OF FORCE IN MEXICO

Recent Developments Point to Utter Hopelessness of Restoring Order as Long as Huerta Retains the Presidency — Havana Report Indicates Plot to Assassinate Diaz.

Mexico City, Oct. 15.—That the crisis in the relations between Mexico and the United States, which was almost reached yesterday, is only temporarily delayed, is the general feeling here among Mexicans and foreigners. When and how the next development will be reached is a question agitating all alike.

While the American charge, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, professes to expect no reply whatever to the Washington memorandum, and the Foreign Office says that there will be none for the time being, it is still regarded as certain that the nature of the American government's notification regarding future recognition will necessitate action on the part of the Mexican authorities.

It is not expected that the elections, which President Huerta appears to regard as one of the cardinal principles of his policy, will be postponed by reason of his decree, although it is admitted that this is a possibility. Frederico Gamboa and Manuel Calero, presidential candidates, are not abating their efforts and appear to believe that the elections will be held, according to program.

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