

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Forty Asphyxiated in Sicilian Sulphur Mine.

NEW R.M.C. TEACHER

Another Revolution Promised in Hayti.

County Court Judges may get larger salaries.

W. H. Peterson, a prominent lawyer of Guelph, is dead.

A Newtonville man was heavily fined for selling liquor on Sunday.

James Melnis was found guilty of manslaughter at Georgetown, P. E. I.

Mrs. William McDougall died at Edgeley, aged 100 years and one month.

Mr. Joseph Featherstone, former member of Parliament for Peel, died.

Garbage of all kinds was found littering a backyard owned by Toronto.

The Department of Education declined to take a hand in the London school situation.

Crop prospects in the central counties of Ontario are the brightest in five years.

A motor stolen in Toronto was abandoned near Orangeville when the thieves were pursued.

Major A. Sharpe, of Kingston, collapsed on a Toronto street car and died shortly afterwards.

News received from Hayti is to the effect that the revolutionists are very active and the regime of President Orestes will soon be overthrown.

The Carling Brewing and Malting Co., of London, has been absorbed in a huge merger of Canadian breweries effected by an English syndicate.

Earth shocks of more or less violence continue in Nicaragua, principally in the department of Managua and Masaya. In Masaya several volcanoes have been destroyed. Santiago volcano inactive.

The London Times says that the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada is about to make an issue of \$1,000,000 five per cent. five-year equipment notes at a price of 98.

Captain Thompson, of the Northamptonshire Regiment, has been appointed professor of military topography and superintendent of drills and gymnastics at the Royal Military College, in succession to Major J. P. Shine.

An early morning fire in the business section of Kingston did damage estimated at about \$5,000, but the firemen were able to get control of it in good time, and prevented what at first had every appearance of being a bad blaze.

Forty men were asphyxiated during a fire in a sulphur mine at Caltanissetta, in Sicily. Rescuers made repeated descents into the mine and saved sixty men. It is feared that there are more victims still in the mine.

The five men who were entombed at the Spruce Mine, Eveleth, Minn., on Wednesday as a result of a cloudburst were rescued. The imprisoned miners were located by tapping on a pipe which had been drilled 100 feet into the mine.

The De Grasse Paper Company in conjunction with The New York World have purchased from D. H. Pennington, of Quebec, his pulpwood limit at Murray Bay, comprising 52,000 acres. The price paid was \$400,000.

The residence of David Tewesley, in the township of Wainfleet, near Fort's Road postoffice, was burned, together with nearly all the contents, the house being unoccupied when the fire started. A small amount of insurance was effected. The cause is unknown.

A BIG CHEQUE

\$88,000,000 Transferred in Merger Dissolution.

New York, July 21.—With a slip of paper in his pocket representing about \$88,000,000, Frederick V. S. Crosby, treasurer of the Union Pacific Company, walked into the office of the Central Trust Company to-day. He turned the paper over to the trust company and thereby completed the first step in the dissolution of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads, as decreed by the courts.

The document was a certificate for Union Pacific's holdings of Southern Pacific, exclusive of those turned over yesterday to the Pennsylvania Railroad, in exchange for that road's holdings of Baltimore and Ohio. The trust company was designated by the court to act as trustee pending distribution of the stock among persons not holders of Union Pacific stock.

TELLER SHOT FOR BURGLAR.

London, Ont., despatch.—Arthur D. Mertens, of Toronto, teller at the Dominion Bank at Seaford, was mistaken for a burglar by his friends last last evening, and shot through the lungs. He is not likely to recover. A motorcycle outside the bank had gone wrong, and the staff occupying rooms in the bank building mistook the noise for someone trying to get into the bank, and, taking the revolver, shot Mertens as he was coming into the building without turning on the lights.

DULUTH MINE FLOODED.

Duluth, Minn., July 21.—No word of further rescues in the flooded Spruce mine at Eveleth had reached this city this morning. Five men still were in the mine, and efforts were being made to reach them, or at least to find out whether they were dead or alive. They are supposed to be on an upper level, and may have escaped the water.

SHIELD FOR POLICE

London Bobbies Are To Be Protected.

London, July 21.—A large metal shield, some three feet long by two feet broad, carried over the shoulders like a housewife's apron, may be worn by the London policeman in future when dealing with armed burglars and lunatics.

For some months official Scotland Yard has been engaged in testing and experimenting with various types of bullet-proof shields which will protect the head and body of the constable and at the same time allow him to use his revolver effectively and with perfect safety.

A white paper on shooting outrages on the police, just issued, gives some interesting figures showing the number of cases in which firearms have been used against police officers from 1908 to 1912. The total number of police officers shot at between 1908 and 1912 was 92, of whom 6 were killed and 24 injured, while 62 escaped injury.

MISSING PEARLS

Theft of Necklace Was Cleverly Worked.

By Sharp Band of International Crooks.

London, July 21.—There is not a glimmer of light on the mysterious disappearance of the \$675,000 pearl necklace which was shipped from Paris to Max Mayer, a merchant, of Hatton Gardens, by Mr. Salamon, his representative at the French capital. The necklace was sent in a registered letter. When Mr. Mayer received the letter he found only pieces of sugar of the same weight as the necklace.

When the package left Paris it had seven seals impressed with the letters "M. M. When it arrived it had 13 seals, the extra six hiding the place where the package had been opened. The extra seals were palpable imitations of the real ones. Mr. Mayer declared to the police to-day that the necklace is worth \$750,000. He said he bought it nine months ago.

The activities of a band of international thieves were reported to the Paris police about a week ago, and the officials there are inclined to connect these big crooks with the recent thefts of diamonds at Antwerp, and the loss of 30,000 sovereigns in transit to Egypt from London, as well as other robberies between Paris and London, including the necklace which disappeared yesterday.

Mr. Salamon, Mr. Mayer's representative here, in posting the package containing the necklace, paid the registration fee of seven francs, but did not affix the stamps himself, and did not declare the contents of the package.

FOR THE CHINESE

Churches Unite for West China University.

Toronto despatch.—Dr. Endicott, field secretary of Methodist Missions, and Dr. Shore, secretary of Foreign Missions, left last night for New York to attend a meeting of the Board of Governors of the West China University.

This new university, which is to be erected at Chengtu, will be under the auspices of the Canadian Methodists, the Methodist Episcopal, the American Baptist Churches and the Friends of England Society. The architect has been chosen, and he will submit and outline his plans at the New York meeting. The building which will cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000, will be the largest and most up-to-date educational building in China. The plans provide for an administration, medical and science building, as well as for a Normal school, a library and four separate theological buildings.

The four denominations will each have one theological college under its control, and the students will be taught by professors appointed by the separate churches. The students will be graduates of the middle schools of China, and upon the completion of the academic career in the new university they will be granted the degrees as granted in Western universities and colleges.

Rev. C. E. Manning, secretary of the Home Missions Department of the Methodist Church, also left last night for New York, where he will enquire into the budget system of finances of the missionary societies of the United States. The present system in Canada, inaugurated by Mr. Parker, is not quite satisfactory, and Mr. Manning will endeavor to secure pointers from the American system that will be advantageous to the Methodist Missionary Society in Canada.

SIR RUFUS ISAACS

Will Succeed Alverstone as Chief Justice.

London, July 21.—The Daily Express states that Sir Rufus Isaacs' appointment as Lord Chief Justice is officially announced, to take effect before the Michaelmas sittings next October. Lord Alverstone, the present holder, owing to illness, was compelled to obtain long leave of absence. This will expire at the end of the present sitting of the law courts, and it is certain that he will then place his resignation in the hands of the Chancellor. Recent reports in some American papers about Mr. Asquith taking the Lord Chief Justiceship never had the slightest foundation. Sir Rufus Isaacs was slated for the post when Lord Alverstone fell ill, and even when the Marconi campaign was at its height the Premier never hesitated in his intention of offering it to the Attorney-General, though the expediency of announcing it at such a time was debated.

LEPROSY CURABLE

Canadian Lazaretto Superintendent Gives Proofs.

Early Stages Yield to the Treatment.

Ottawa, July 21.—That the dread disease of leprosy is curable is shown in a statement made by Dr. Langis, medical superintendent of the Lazaretto at Tracadie, N. B., to the public health department here. Two patients who were at the early stage of leprosy have been discharged during the past year from the Lazaretto after treatment from Dr. Deykes' nastin therapy followed since May, 1911. Dr. Langis had at first fifteen patients to treat, and gave between thirty-six to sixty-eight injections of nastin to each. With this, as with any other treatment, a few patients attributed intercurrent illness to its use, and refused it after a few injections. Generally the patient suffers from ten to thirty minutes from the burning sensation produced by the medicine at the place of the injection, but after this abates he has a general sensation of warmth, feels stimulated and stronger. With mostly all patients there is an elevation of temperature for a few hours after the injection, which varies from one to two degrees.

Old anaesthetic cases are very little helped by nastin, but two patients were discharged at the early stage of this type of leprosy. One, a man of 39, left a year ago. He received only twenty injections of nastin. He has visited twice since, and he remains well. The other case, a man of 67, left in November last. He had received sixty injections. Dr. Langis saw him recently and found him in good health, free from the disease. Both had been taking the old treatment, salubromol, oil, strychnine, etc.

Another case of mixed leprosy is so much improved that Dr. Langis has great hopes to discharge him in the near future.

With five nodular cases there has been, for a certain time, arrest of the leprosy process, with some retrogression of the leprosy symptoms. Three of these are certainly better to-day, the two others are in the last stage of the disease.

The patients are supplied with musical instruments and some games, to help them pass away the time and divert their thoughts from themselves. They are taking advantage of these amusements and seem to enjoy them. The sisters make every effort to contribute to the physical and moral comfort, and respond to many calls by day and by night. There are at present in the Lazaretto at Tracadie, N. B., 21 patients—eleven males and ten females. Seventeen of these are of French-Canadian, two of English, one of Icelandic and one of Russian origin. No deaths and no admissions occurred during the year.

The leper Lazaretto at Darcy Island, B. C., was used during this year for accommodation of four Chinese lepers while awaiting deportation under the immigration regulations. The death of one of these men occurred at Darcy Island. The other three cases were deported to China. They were given the address of the leper mission hospital at Canton, and given money enough to pay for their stay there for some months.

DIANA REFLOATED

McMillan Arctic Expedition Off Barge Point.

St. John's, Nfld., despatch: The Donald B. McMillan Arctic exploring ship Diana, which stranded on Barge Point, on the southern coast of Labrador, Wednesday night, was refloated last evening, according to a message received by Job Brothers, the owners, here, from the telegraph operator at Red Bay, in the Straits of Belle Isle, to-day.

The firm assumes that the vessel is coming here for repairs, but had no direct word from her to-day, and it is possible that the Diana was only slightly damaged, and is proceeding on her voyage to Crocker Land. A message to the owners yesterday from Professor McMillan, who is at the head of the expedition, said that the ship was fast aground, and expressed the fear that she would be a total loss.

The Newfoundland revenue cruiser Stella Maris started for Barge Point to offer assistance early yesterday, but can hardly reach the scene before to-morrow.

GRAFTER SPLITS

Becker's Agent Makes Damaging Confession.

New York, July 21.—The police graft situation was brought to the front again to-day. Charles B. Platt, jun., who was the so-called press agent of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, has submitted to District Attorney Whelan a five-page typewritten statement, reputed to be a confession of facts relating to the alliance between the police "system" and the underworld. Mr. Whitman assigned one of his assistants to talk with Platt, who is under indictment on a perjury charge, with a view to determining if Platt's statement is worthy of grand jury investigation.

Platt's "sneak" is reported to contain the information long sought by the prosecutor, that will enable Mr. Whitman to follow the graft trail to police headquarters. An inspector, a civilian attaché at headquarters, and several minor officials, are said to be mentioned in Platt's statement. The statement is declared to deal also with alleged participation in graft by Becker, who is now under sentence of death at Sing Sing prison for the murder of the gambler, Herman Rosenthal, a year ago.

A BOY MURDERER

Is Charge Against Manitoba 9-Year-Old.

Winnipeg despatch.—One of the most extraordinary cases which has yet come before the provincial police was today which may result in a charge of murder being preferred against Anton Sawchuk, a nine-year-old child, who is alleged to have murdered Annie Lutz, aged two and a half years, on a farm at Tyndal on Monday. At an inquest last night at Tyndal the verdict was an open one, and the boy was brought to the city to-day.

As far as can be learned the boy planned to rob the home of the Lutzys. He is supposed to have entered the house when only Annie was there and to have deliberately shot her. The boy is also alleged to have planned to murder the whole family.

THE MEN REFUSE

Eastern Employees Decline Railroads' Demands

To Have Their Grievances Also Arbitrated.

New York, July 21.—The 80,000 trainmen and conductors who threatened a strike against the Eastern railroads will not agree under any circumstances to have the roads' grievances arbitrated at the same time as the men's demands for better wages under the Newlands amendment to the Erdman Act, according to a statement issued to-night by W. G. Lee and A. B. Garretson, presidents respectively of the Trainmen's and Conductors' Brotherhoods.

Mr. Lee, in a verbal statement supplanting the formal one, declared that the railroads persist in their present stand to have their own grievances arbitrated. It is absolutely certain that a strike will follow.

Washington, July 17.—President Wilson late to-day selected William L. Chambers, of the District of Columbia, to be commissioner of mediation and conciliation under the Newlands Act, and G. W. W. Hanger as his assistant. Their names will be sent to the Senate to-morrow. The other two members of the board will be Judge Martin Knapp, of the United States Commerce Court, and Louis F. Post, Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Immediate confirmation of the President's nominations is expected. Democrats and Republicans in both Houses of Congress joined hands Tuesday to put through promptly the Newlands Bill which provides for the arbitration of strikes of 50,000 conductors and trainmen on Eastern railroads.

The commissioner and his assistant will devote all their time to their new duties, but the other two members of the board will retain their present Federal positions and act as mediators only when called upon.

The employees' position as announced to-night brings about a deadlock. The roads, however, while insisting that their demand is an equitable one, have agreed to meet Seth Lee, president of the National Civic Federation, who has interested himself in the men's behalf, and hear his presentation of reasons why the railroad representatives should yield the point. Mr. Lee will be heard by the conference committee to-morrow afternoon.

NO BUTTER EXPORT

Canada Is Now Importing It Instead.

Ottawa, July 21.—According to statistics just prepared, during the past year for the first time in over sixty years Canada shipped no butter to the United Kingdom, Canada is now, on the other hand, classed among the butter importing countries. During the past fiscal year there was an enormous increase and the butter imports reached a total of some 7,000,000 pounds, mostly from New Zealand.

The total exports of butter were the smallest on record, amounting approximately to half a million pounds, which consisted chiefly of tinned butter to the West Indies and dairy butter to the United States. There was also a decrease during the year in exports of cream to the United States on account of the high price of butter in Canada.

The dairy branch of the Agricultural Department here claims that the decline in Canada's export butter trade and the increase in the imports of butter do not indicate any decline in the dairy industry. The growth of the home market is given as the principal cause for the change in the situation. According to the officials here the production of milk in Canada is larger at the present time than it ever was in the history of the country. It is also claimed that in addition to the increase in consumption due to greater population there is a large per capita increase in the use of milk, cream and icecream.

LEOPOLD'S WIDOW GETS DIVORCE

Paris, July 21.—The court to-day confirmed the divorce granted on March 8 to Mme. Durieux, formerly Baroness Vaughan, the morganatic wife of the late King Leopold. M. Durieux appealed from the previous decision on the ground that he was not present at the first trial. He was non-suited.

The court at the same time authorized an inquiry into the charges made by M. Durieux that the Baroness Vaughan has been leading a disorderly life and has been passing the nights in the Montmartre section.

When the enquiry is finished the divorce case will come up for final, definitive judgment.

JAPS ARE BLAMED

By Chinese Officials for the Rebellion.

Charged With Supplying Funds and Officers.

Peking, China, July 21.—The situation brought about by the rebellion in the southern provinces of China has improved somewhat to-day, when regarded from the northern point of view. Fewer soldiers have deserted the Government of Provisional President Yuan-Shi-Kai than had been anticipated by the authorities.

Heavy fighting is expected to occur at Kiu-Kiang, in the Province of Kiang-Si, after the lull following the recent defeat of the southern forces at Hu-Chow, in the Province of Che-Kiang.

The southerners have been joined by the forces at Wu-Sung, a seaport ten miles to the north of Shanghai and at Nanking, the southern capital, both in the Province of Kiang-Si, while the large force of soldiers occupying them also has gone over to the rebels.

The leaders of the southern forces issued a proclamation to-day announcing the appointment as President of the Republic of Tsen Chun-Huan, a former Viceroy of Canton, and Yuan-Shi-Kai's old enemy, Wang Chung-Wei is named Foreigner Minister, and Cheng Huan-shan, Finance Minister. All three are considered in northern circles to be fanatics.

The southern rebels yesterday killed 20 officers who had remained loyal to the Peking Government, including the new Governor of the Province of Ngan-Wei.

Provisional President Yuan-Shi-Kai had a long conference with the loyal generals to-day, when plans for the suppression of the rebellion were discussed. The belief prevails very generally in Peking that the Japanese are financing the revolution in the southern provinces and some of the newspapers assert that 40 officers of the Japanese army are with the rebel troops.

GETTES AT LAW

Non-Hunger Strikers Protest Expulsion.

London, July 21.—Two Suffragettes, Leila and Rosalind Cadiz, brought an action in the Chancery Division at Dublin to-day to restrain a committee of the Irish Women's Franchise League from expelling them from that society because they refused to go on a "hunger strike."

The Master of the Rolls stopped the case and dismissed the action, remarking that the plaintiffs' case had no more merit than that of the defendants', all being engaged in a criminal conspiracy.

May Dennis, better known as Lillian Denton, the militant Suffragette, after traveling over the country for several weeks in various disguises with the police at her heels, has escaped into France. After the Kew Gardens outrage, for which she was convicted, but released on license, she disappeared for several months. She reappeared in a dramatic manner at Doncaster during the trial of another woman for setting fire to a building. She admitted that she was the guilty party, and on her own confession was again arrested and later on remanded to Armitage Jail, where she was released once more after going on a "hunger strike" under the provisions of the "Cat and Mouse" Act. She got away from police surveillance again, and the detectives traced her to Dundee, Cardiff and Dover. At the latter place she disguised herself as an old woman, and with a shawl thrown over her head hobbled along the coast till she found a sympathizer with her cause, who picked her up and took her in a yacht to France.

ARSENAL HEAD OUT

Col. Gaudet is to be Superannuated.

Ottawa, July 21.—Following upon an investigation recently made into the conditions attending the manufacture of ammunition at the Government Arsenal at Quebec, it is understood that Colonel Gaudet, superintendent of the Arsenal, will be granted leave of absence until the report of the commission appointed to investigate into the Arsenal has been considered, when he will be superannuated.

Meantime, it is understood that Major Lafferty, Quebec City, will be appointed as Colonel Gaudet's successor in the management of the factory. It is also likely that Major Panet, first assistant to Colonel Gaudet in the arsenal, will return to his ordnance corps here in the capital, and that Major Weatherby, Halifax, a Canadian, highly trained in Woolwich, will succeed him.

While the contents of the report of the commission on the arsenal have not been made public, it is understood that 12 million rounds of ammunition, worth \$400,000, will have to be destroyed. The main defects are cartridge cases badly made, and the prevalence of the danger of back-firing. Col. E. W. B. Morrison, director of artillery, was the chairman of the commission appointed to investigate matters.

FROZEN MID WINTER HEAT

New York, July 21.—Hugo Weisner, a young helper in a Brooklyn ice plant, was frozen to death early to-day in a sealed apartment which he entered to adjust machinery. Companions found him stiff and stark. The temperature on the street at the time was nearly 80.

WILD HORSE RAIDS

Are Causing Havoc on Western Ranches.

Ottawa despatch: Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture for Alberta, who arrived in the capital yesterday, urged upon the Dominion Government the necessity of taking some steps to put a stop to the depredations of wild horses in the Grand Prairie and Peace River district. It is contended that the wild stallions have made raids upon the ranches of the new settlers, have killed many of the domestic horses, and have led away many of the well-bred domestic mares, which have been imported at considerable cost, and which are one of the principal assets of the new settlers.

From the Bow River westward even through passes which a railway could not tread these animals have swooped down on the domesticated animals of ranchers as far west as Kamloops.

Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of Interior, pointed out that the Department of Interior and the Federal authorities had no jurisdiction in the matter. The Interior Department recognized that it was a serious problem, but decided that most effective action could only be taken by the provinces individually. If it was found that Provincial legislation was ineffective the Minister of Interior gave an informal promise that the Federal Government would endeavor to relieve the situation.

WAITED 50 YEARS

Now Lady Sues a Civil War Veteran.

Paterson, N. J., July 21.—Miss Emma Mahaney, 67 years old, of Wooster, Ohio, asks a heart-balm of \$25,000 from John Wolf, a 77-year-old veteran of the civil war, and a retired merchant, in papers which have been served upon him here.

Miss Mahaney asserts that she has not seen Mr. Wolf since their separation in '63, when he went to the front, after it is alleged, he had proposed to her. She says she has waited 50 years in the hope that her sweetheart of youthful days would some day wed her, and that she was recently encouraged by a second proposal of marriage by mail, but later received word that the marriage would never take place. She has forwarded scores of alleged love letters, many of them containing poems.

MAY LOSE SIGHT

Accident to Summer Tourist in the North.

North Bay, Ont., despatch: George Snow, aged 19, from Pittsburgh, Pa., a summer visitor at the cottage of Rev. J. Shayne Nicholas, on French River, was seriously burned by powder on Wednesday about the face and head. As the daily steamer had passed at the time it was twenty-four hours before the young man could be taken out to North Bay hospital, where he is now being treated. Physicians have hopes of saving the sight of both eyes, but his injuries are serious. The accident was caused by a match being thrown into a quantity of gunpowder.

WELLAND TENDERS

U. S. Firm Half Million Below Canadians.

Ottawa, Ont., despatch: It is understood that four tenders at least have been submitted to the Government for the construction of the first section of the Welland Canal, on the Lake Ontario end. These are now being considered. Among the tenders, it is stated, are M. P. Davis Co., of Ottawa, and Mackay & Pinkerwood, of Sault Ste. Marie. The former firm is prominent in the world of construction having built portions of the Cornwall and Soulanges Canal and having a contract for some of the superstructure of the Quebec Bridge.

In addition to the two Canadian firms are stated to be two American firms, whose names cannot be learned, are among the tenders for the work on the Welland. One of these, a Pittsburg firm, has, it is said, tendered nearly half a million lower than the lowest Canadian tender.

As the job is about a four million dollars, one this difference is very considerable and the Department is said to be somewhat at a loss how to act in the matter.

CUBAN CONGRESS CALLED

Havana, July 21.—President Menocal has signed a call for a special session of Congress on July 25 for the purpose of considering the interpretation of the paragraph in the constitution conferring immunity in the case of civil and criminal offences on senators and representatives. This has special reference to the charge pending against Senator Vidal Morales and Representative Arias in connection with the killing of General Amando Riva, Chief of the National Police.

BOY HERO DROWNS.

St. John, despatch.—In a vain effort to save the life of his friend to-day, Sydney Fulton, aged 15, of St. John, N.S., drowned, as well as William Cowan, aged 16, of the same place. The boy was in a canoe when it upset. Fulton, who was ashore, swam to his friend's assistance and both perished before help could reach them. Both bodies were recovered.