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ST JOHN FIRM WILL GET BIG CONTRACT

Mooney & Sons and New York Company Submit Joint Bid for Fredericton Filtration Plant, Which Will be Accepted---News of the Drives.

FREDERICTON, May 24—(Special)—The water committee of the city council met last evening and opened bids for the water filtration plant but did not award any contract. Another meeting will be held next week to receive the report from Engineer Barbour in regard to bids for a high and low lift pump. The committee will then make a report for submission to the council. There are four separate specifications and the list of bids on each was as follows.

Construction work:—Simmons & Burpee, Fredericton, $24,594.90; Pittsburg Filter Mfg. Co., Pittsburg, $27,336; B. Mooney & Sons, St.John, $29,693.75; New York Continental Jewel Filtration Co., $29,193.75; J. B. McManus Ltd., Memramcook, $30,142.25; Long, Little & Co., Boston, $30,755.; Geo. McArthur, St. John, $43,260.50.

Filtration plant—B. Mooney & Sons and New York Continental Jewel Filtration Co $10,514; Pittsburg Filter Mfg Co. $10,865; Roberts Mfg Co. Montreal, $10,996.

High lift pump—John McDougall, Caledonian Iron Works Co. Montreal, $13,324; Ellis Chalmers Bullock Co. Montreal, $14,620.

Low lift pump—Lawrence Pumping Co. Lawrence, Mass. $3,250; John McDougall Caledonian Iron Works Co. Ltd. Montreal, $2,011.

Should the lowest bid be accepted in each case, as it very likely will be, the total cost of the proposed improvements will be $51,342, or nearly nine thousand less than Engineer Barbour's estimate.

For the filtration plant Mooney & Sons, of St. John, and the New York Jewel Filtration Co. submitted a combined bid and it is certain to be accepted.

Mrs. John Kilburn received a letter yesterday from her husband, who is superintending his driving operations on the St. John headwaters. It was written on May twentieth, and stated that he had reached English Lake with his drive and had been delayed there by strong head winds. Unless the wind abated by the following day it was his intention to abandon part of the drive. He reported that every log was safely out of the brooks. Mr. Kilburn has about twelve million feet of old and new lumber to bring out for Murray & Gregory.

Robert Aiken, who is home from Machias, says that all his logs will get out. He operates for Stetson, Cutler & Co.

The Trojans base ball team, of Moncton, arrived last night and is playing the Tartars at Scully's Grove this morning.

Victoria Day is being generally observed here as a public holiday. No special programme is being carried out, but there are many visitors in town. The weather is cloudy with prospects of rain before night. At noon the R. C. R. held a review on Officers' Square.

TWENTY PUPILS WERE EXPELLED

ANDOVER, Mass. May 23—Six more pupils were expelled today from Phillips Andover Academy, making a total of twenty who have thus far been so punished for participation in the assault upon John M. Stewart, an inn keeper, last Friday night, when he was thrown into a pond because some of the students thought he had complained to the school faculty that one of the boys had kissed a waitress at his establishment. The threatened demonstration over the expulsion did not materialize to a serious degree today.

OBITUARY

The death occurred yesterday of Miss Bertha Wood, of 23 White street, daughter of Charles J. Wood, at the age of 15 years. Her remains will be taken to St. Martins for burial tomorrow.

Mrs. James Webster

MONCTON, N. B., May 24 (Special)—The death occurred at Shediac this morning of Mrs. James Webster. She is survived by her husband and grown up family. She was sixty-six years old. Dr. Webster, professor in Chicago University, A. J. Webster, commercial traveller, and Leonard, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Levis, are sons. The daughters are Mrs. Dr. F. J. White, Moncton, and Miss Jennie, at home. The deceased is survived by two brothers, Fred Chapman, of Boston, and Ovid Chapman, of Tacoma.

Mrs. Fannie Hayes

Mrs. Fannie Hayes, widow of the late Abram B. Hayes, died very suddenly last evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. P. Vaughan, 169 Charlotte street. Deceased will be taken to Hillsboro Friday morning for interment. Service this evening at 7.30 at her late residence.

John (Bogus) Magee, imagined that a certain well known character had relieved him of $6 yesterday, and notified the police. He soon returned and said that he had gotten the amount back, but later on said that a couple of women had appeared to him and stolen it again.

REV. M. J. SAVAGE HAS RESIGNED

NEW YORK, May 23—At a meeting of the trustees and congregation of the church of the Messiah, at Park avenue and 34th street, held this evening, the resignation of the junior pastor, Rev. Minot J. Savage was formally accepted. Mr. Savage retires on account of ill health.

PIERCE ALLOWED TO GO

In the County Court yesterday afternoon William Pierce, who was sent up for trial on the charge of stealing a coat, pleaded guilty and was allowed to go on suspended sentence. Judge Forbes had inquired into the circumstances and found that Pierce had a crippled wife and three children depending on him, and it was learned that he was a well behaved man, except when he was drinking. After reviewing the circumstances of the case and conferring with the solicitor general, he decided to let him go on suspended sentence.

The case against Sam Sing was laid over until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THE PATRICK CASE

NEW YORK, May 23—Today ended the testimony and arguments in Albert A. Patrick's hearing for a new trial, during which his life sentence has been twice reprieved. Recorder Goff reserved his decision giving until Friday for the filing of briefs.

MILITARY INSPECTION

OTTAWA, May 23—(Special)—Lt. Col. Jones will inspect Sussex camp, Fredericton station hospital, and Charlottetown on July 3rd., 5th., and 7th.

AN EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

CLEVELAND, O., May 23—An earthquake shock lasting 48 seconds, was recorded here today upon the seismograph at St. Ignatius College.

LONDON, May 24—The Bank of England's rate of discount remained unchanged today at 4 per cent.

NEW BRUNSWICK AUTHOR VICTIM OF BURGLARS IN A NEW YORK APARTMENT

Charles G. D. Roberts' Rooms Entered and Everything Valuable Stolen, Even to his Evening Clothes---His Loss is $5,000---Hearst Boomed for Governor on Independent Ticket.

NEW YORK, May 23—(Special)—When Chas. G. D. Roberts, the distinguished author of New Brunswick, sent his regrets for a dinner party last night he intimated in his note to his hostess that he would explain later, why it was utterly impossible for him to accept her kind invitation. Mr. Roberts' explanation was sufficient. It follows:

On Monday night when he returned to his studio apartment, at No. 226 Fifth avenue, from a visit to a brother author, he discovered that every article of virtu and value, including his evening clothes, had been stolen.

Burglars had gained entrance to the apartment from the roof, and had secured articles aggregating in value $5,000. Nothing had been overlooked by the intruders. A small safe in which the unfinished manuscript of a new book, and the manuscripts of several short stories, had been deposited, was gone, and also a rare collection of intaglios and cameos. An old Swiss watch, which had belonged to the author's grandfather, was included in the plunder.

With Mr. Roberts, live his brother, Will Roberts, the poet, and his son Lloyd Roberts, the magazine writer. All of the occupants of the rooms were away Monday night, so that the thieves had several hours in which to collect their booty.

John Ford, former State Senator, who ran for the office of City Comptroller last year on the Hearst ticket, said today that W. R. Hearst would be nominated for Governor this year on an independent ticket. He said that Hearst would not seek the nomination of the regular state democratic convention. A prominent member of the political staff of Mr. Hearst said today:

"No time or place has been fixed for the holding of an informal state convention to place Mr. Hearst in nomination for governor. Such a convention may be held but the matter is still under consideration."

The same man said that Mr. Hearst would make the race for governor as an independent candidate and would not retire in favor of any person. Hearst's idea it to hold his organization together for the future. He is now in California.

A ROAST FROM THE BENCH.

The most severe judicial arraignment of a big financier in the court history of the state was presented today in a decision rendered by the United States circuit court of appeals. The case was that of Robert Wescott against the Lackawanna Railroad for breach of contract, and President Truesdale, of that road, was the object of the judicial remarks. The court in its written opinion said that the company "arbitrarily and dishonorably repudiated" the contract and that "its conduct was despicable in adhering to the contract during the many years when it was profitable and repudiating it only because it could make more money by doing so." It was repudiated for sordid motives and with an arrogance born of the scorn of consequence The appropriation of Wescott's per centage of the money which the defendant had actually collected for him was morally no better than larceny."

The opinion concludes with this paragraph: "It is conduct like Truesdale's by those who manage the affairs of great corporations that has aroused the spirit of resentment in the public mind which is so intense today, and which is not unlikely to result in legislation and in municipal interference which will bring serious loss upon stockholders." President Truesdale is the man who is trying to reform the Mutual Life Insurance Co.

AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

An odd incident of metropolitan life occurred today when a woman met on the street her husband whom she had not seen for over twenty years. They had been living here, not far apart, all that time. She promptly had him arrested for nonsupport. In court he said he had believed her dead, and that she had left him in the first place. There are three children, who have been living with the mother. The husband remembered two of them, but pleaded ignorance of the third. The judge decided that the wife was barred out of any legal rights by the statute of limitations, and discharged the man. Husband and wife thereupon went their several ways.

LONDON'S NEW CLUB.

The latest thing in ladies' clubs in London was opened today. It will be known as the Imperial Club, and is intended to give women an opportunity to gain a more extended knowledge of national affairs and politics.

The founders have rigidly declared against female suffrage. The vice-presidents include six duchesses, among them the Duchess of Marlborough, six marchionesses and thirty-one countesses. Leading politicians will speak at the club on one afternoon each week. The club house contains a billiard table, a card room, a smoking room and a manicure department, with a special massaging machine.

THE POPE'S CONDITION.

The Pope's condition is improving, says a cable from Rome, and he was able to descend to the audience chamber today. In conversation with Cardinal Katschthaler he said that the only comfort he had found in the pain he had suffered was the amusement afforded him by the reports in the newspapers, in which he was depicted as being at death's door.

THE KAISER AND MOTOR BOATS.

A special cable from Berlin says that Emperor William, in the course of the Kiel week, will carefully inspect the submarine boats of the Lake model that are now at Kiel. So great is the interest in submarines that it would not be surprising if he followed President Roosevelt's example and made a descent in one of them. There was a time when the German admiralty regarded submarines as useless to use, but it later on changed its opinion and persuaded the Reichstag to appropriate 5,000,0000 marks for the construction of submarines. The emperor is much interested in motor boats for naval purposes, and recently sent Marine Constructor Veith to Monaco to attend the motor boat exhibition there. In the autumn boats of this type will be introduced in the German navy.

ROTHESAY AND NETHERWOOD

Educational Institutions at Pretty Suburb Preparing for Closing.

With the approach of June come preparations for the closing exercises of the Rothesay college for boys, and Netherwood girls' school, both of which take place shortly after the middle of the month.

Netherwood is in a flourishing condition, the roll at present numbering over thirty, including day pupils. Seven of the girls will graduate at this season's closing, which promises to be a very interesting event.

Among the organizations connected with the school, the Missionary Society of Netherwood is well worthy of special mention; and, needless to say, its progress has been of a very satisfactory character, a fact which goes to show the keen interest the pupils have taken in the good work of spreading the "Sweet Story of Old." Last Sunday, Miss Skinner, representing the Associated Charities, visited the school and delivered a very interesting address which was greatly appreciated by the members of the society and those who were privileged to hear it.

June 19th is set for the closing day, when prizes will be presented and an excellent programme rendered.

The boys' college will close on the 20th of June, and a good programme is being prepared. Athletic sports will be held from 10 a. m. until 3.30 p. m.; military drill from 3.30 until 4 o'clock, after which will come the distribution of prizes and the regular closing exercises.

June 17th has been chosen as College Sunday, but the preacher has not yet been decided upon. The services will be held in St. Paul's church, Rothesay.

The athletic department of the school is in a flourishing condition. Two games of base ball have been played with the Y. M. C. A. team, both of which resulted in favor of Rothesay.

The school will send two representatives to Fredericton for the Victoria Day events, in which they hold the record.

In scholarships, one boy has written off the exams for the Royal Military College, four have taken the McGill matriculation, and two the preparatory. Two of the lads have written the U. N. B. "matric," and one is going in for divinity. One of the pupils has already accepted a position in the Royal Bank of Canada.

YESTERDAY IN WALL STREET

Will Meet in London Next Spring---Sir Wilfred is Invited.

NEW YORK, May 24—There was a decided increase in the amount of business done on the stock exchange yesterday, but selling orders made up a large proportion of the expansion in activity and prices suffered accordingly. Today's selling was supposed to be by "tired holders," who have become discouraged over the prospect of any early revival of speculative activity. News of the day was not regarded as adverse to values and some items were favorably interpreted. Penna. stock itself showed some resistance to the general depression in the market in contrast with its recent persistent weakness even while other stocks were strong. This was attributed partly to the practical confirmation of rumors current for several days of a fresh bond flotation by the company in Paris, estimates of the amount reaching as high as $50,000,000.

The weakness of New York Central was attributed to the new stock issues impending. Reports were current of the forthcoming $50,000,000 temporary note issue by St. Paul to finance its Pacific coast extension. The official disclaimer of the report of an early United States steel bond issue was coupled with admission of the possibility of an ultimate resort to this means of securing resources to complete the company's great Indiana plant. Hopeful sentiment prevailed as to banking operations in San Francisco. Reading and Penna. made centers of resistance to the decline and of the partial rally which followed and which was fairly well held at the close.

Bonds were easy; total sales par value $1,795,000. U. S. Bonds were unchanged on call.

THE HOLIDAY

Fine Weathey for Enjoyment of Rural Pleasures --- The Local Attractions.

Yesterday's predictions of fine weather for today have turned out correct and the morning dawned bright and clear.

The shower which occurred early in the morning was just sufficient to lay the dust. The trains and steamers took a large number of passengers to spend the day in the country.

At Millidgeville, this morning, all was bustle and activity as the R. K. boys made ready for the start of their first cruise. At 10 o'clock the gun was fired, the blue ensign was hoisted and the season of 1906 was opened. A large number of the yachts participated in the cruise and needless to say the boys will have a good time.

The excursion on the steamer Elaine to Gagetown was well patronized. The City Cornet band accompanied the party.

The Champlain took a large number to Belleisle on the Portland Y. M. A. excursion.

There were a few visitors to Seaside Park this morning and it is expected that this popular resort will be crowded this afternoon and evening as everything will be in full running order.

For this afternoon and evening there will also be ball games on the Shamrock and Victoria grounds and plays at the Opera House and York Theatre.

Among the parties going out of the city this morning were about 18 or 20 young ladies and gentlemen who will spend the day at Kamp Kumfort in Renforth. This is the fifth annual reopening of the Kamp and a good time is looked for.

There was a good attendance at the ball game between the Martello's and Jubilees on the Shamrock grounds this morning.

British bark Hamburg, 1649 tons, has been chartered to load lumber at Hantsport, N. S., for Rosario, private terms.

G. W. Marsh, Halifax, is a guest at the Royal.

H. P. Robinson of Sussex, is in the city.

H. W. Barker went to Montreal last night.

CHARLOTTETOWN MAN AT THE HEAD

Stephen O'Meara Appointed Police Commissioner at Boston---He Owned the Boston Journal, and has Been Prominent in Politics---His Career.

BOSTON, May 24—(Special)—Stephen O'Meara, a native of Charlottetown, P. E. I., has been appointed head of the Boston police.

Stephen O'Meara was born at Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 26, 1854, and came to Boston with his parents when but ten years of age. After a short residence at Braintree the family moved to Charlottetown. He was graduated from the Harvard Grammar school after making an excellent record. Early manifesting a predilection for newspaper work, he contributed to the Charlestown Chronicle. He became city editor of the Journal in 1878, after an experience of five years as legislative reporter at the State House and three years at City Hall.

In 1881 he became news editor, and publisher on the same paper from 1895 to 1899, when he bought a majority interest in the ownership. In 1902 he sold his interests in the Journal.

In the fall of 1904 he entered the political field as a congressional candidate in the Eleventh district against Eugene N. Foss. Although defeated, his effort was not without its reward, for he gained the warm personal esteem of many voters with whom he came in contact.

He was for three terms president of the Boston Press Club. He has held membership for many years in the Algonquin, Exchange, St. Botolph and Union clubs. He is also a member of the Bostonian Society, the American Science Association, the Middlesex Club and the Republican Club of Massachusetts.

He was for a long period treasurer of the New England Associated Press, and was at one time a director of the National Associated Press, its first vice-president and member of the executive committee.

He was the first teacher of shorthand in a public school in this country, conducting large classes in the Boston Evening High School, beginning in 1883. He has been a trustee of the State library for fourteen years. In 1889 he received the honorary degree of master of arts from Dartmouth College.

Mr. O'Meara has spoken much in public, notably as a Fourth of July orator, in 1900, and in 1898 he was the speaker at the Atlanta peace convention following the Spanish-American War.

He is married and has three daughters.

HECTOR IS REMANDED

HAMPTON, N. B., May 24—(Special)—At ten o'clock this morning, George Hector, confined on remand in Hampton jail, on a charge of criminal assault on the person of Mrs. Annie Bettle, wife of Judson Bettle of Passekeag road, at the I. C. R. station Passekeag, on the morning of Monday 21st instant, was brought before Magistrate Henry Piers at the court house.

J. M. McIntyre appeared for the Solicitor-General, and asked for a remand until Tuesday next, the 29th, at 9 a. m., to procure necessary witnesses. The charge was read over to the prisoner who said he would like to have a lawyer.

The remand was granted, and Hector was sent back to jail until the date named. Mrs. Bettle came down but did not appear in court. The attendance was small.

DR. STOCTON IS ON ARCTIC COMMITTEE

OTTAWA, Ont., May 23 (Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced in the house today the following committee had been appointed to investigate the supplies for the Arctic. Messrs. MacLean (Lunenburg), Carvell, Demers, Pardee, McCraney, MacPherson, Bennett, Bergeron, Northrup and Stockton.

OTTAWA NEWS

OTTAWA, Ont., May 24 (Special)—Victoria Day was observed here as a general holiday.

A. Johnson, M. P. for Cape Breton, had an operation performed on his face yesterday in the hospital. He is getting along nicely.

The following were locked up at central last night: Mary Spellman, drunk; James Collins, drunk; Ole Anbrelsen, indecent exposure, (deposited $8); and William Dixon, on a warrant for assaulting his wife in her house on Sheffield street. Mrs. Dixon, who is colored, was severely beaten by her dusky husband, who has not been living with her for some time but who, it is said, is ready at all times to make her give him money.

The girl Minnie Gallivan, lost on Monday last, is reported to have applied for a position to a woman on Waterloo street on Tuesday last.

Parliament adjourned last night until Monday.

Carl Kemp, the lad arrested for drunkenness, was allowed to go yesterday.

BASEBALLISTS DINE TOGETHER

Judge Ritchie's Dinner Last Night to Inter-Society League Was Pleasant Function.

Feelings of good-fellowship and gratitude to the host were evidenced last evening at Judge Ritchie's dinner given to the Inter-Society B. B. League in White's dining halls.

After the viands had been disposed of and everyone present was feeling in excellent condition the following toast list was carried out:

The King proposed by Judge Ritchie.

The League, proposed by Judge Ritchie and responded to by J. O'Brien, president and W. McMahon, vice-president.

The Ladies, proposed by the host and responded to by J. Morrisey.

The Press proposed by the host and responded to by B. P. McCafferty, of Globe, and J. A. Barry of Times.

The Host, proposed by Omer J. H. A. McIntyre and responded to by Judge Ritchie in an excellent speech.

The Caterer, proposed by Judge Ritchie and responded to by Frank White.

Daniel Connolly told many interesting stories about old-time base-ball.

Solos were sung during the evening by Fred Joyce, O. McIntyre, T. G. Burke, J. Dawson, J. Toole, J. Culnan and George Doherty.

After spending an exceptionally pleasant evening the gathering broke up by singing the national anthem.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Miss Agnes Campbell was held this morning at 10 o'clock from the Monastry of the Good Shepherd. Rev. Fr. Lockery conducted the service at the Monastery and Rev. Mr. McLean officiated at the grave. Interment was in Fernhill.

John Brit, of England, arrested on April 11th, for drunkenness, is very ill in the jail.

DEATHS

HAYES—Suddenly on the 23rd. inst. at the residence of her daughter, 269 Charlotte St. Mrs. Fannie Hayes, widow of the late Abram B. Hayes, aged 65 years.

MOORE.—In this city, on the 23rd inst., Isabella, beloved wife of Wm. F. Moore, in the 65th year of her age, leaving a husband, six sons and three daughters to mourn her loss.

Funeral tomorrow, Friday, at 2.30 p. m., from the residence of her son-in-law, Percy Magee, 127 Brussels street.

SPECULATION LED TO SUICIDE OF SPIER

NEW YORK, May 23—A verdict of suicide was rendered tonight by the jury in the inquest into the death by a pistol shot wound, of Charles L. Spier at his home at St. George, Staten Island, on the morning of Monday May. 7th.

Mrs. Spier told the story of the fatal night coolly and calmly. She was the most important witness except Otto Hansen, Spier's secretary, whose testimony it was that made the jury finally decide that his late employer had gone home on Saturday afternoon prepared to kill himself.

Spier who was the personal representative of H. H. Rogers, of the Standard Oil Co., was found by his wife, shot through the heart in the hallway of his house, a few minutes after he had roused her from sleep to tell her that a burglar was in the house and taking his pistol had gone down stairs. One chamber of his pistol, which was found beside the body, had been discharged. In the dining room opening into the hall a quantity of silverware was scattered over the floor and little doubt was entertained at the time that he had met death at the hands of a burglar. The police, however, after examining the premises, inclined to the theory that Spier had committed suicide and later it was reported that he had lost much money in Wall street and that he had temporarily deposited as collateral with his bankers securities entrusted to him by Mr. Rogers.

Mrs. Spier, who followed a number of unimportant witnesses, related how she had been roused by her husband, who told her that a burglar was in the dining room and after taking his pistol, went downstairs with the dog. She followed him to the head of the stairs and almost immediately heard a shot followed by a crash and another shot, and, running down, found her husband lying bleeding and unconscious in the hall. She knew nothing of her husband's financial affairs.

Otto Hansen, who had been secretary to Mr. Spier, testified that on Saturday morning, May 5, he accompanied Mr. Spier from 26 Broadway to the Central Trust Co., where they obtained Atlantic Seacoast bonds which had been deposited there by Mr. Spier and carried them back to 26 Broadway, where they were delivered to H. H. Rogers. Hansen then went to his office in the same building, and Mr. Spier followed him later, Mr. Spier remaining in the office until after four o'clock. They wrote up all the minutes of the various companies in Mr. Spier's charge, in some cases going back to December, and everything was brought up to date. Then Mr. Spier cleaned out his desk. He did not appear excited or worried. Asked if he recalled Mr. Spier's last words, Mr. Hansen said that Mr. Spier told him that if a certain letter arrived on Monday morning to destroy it. The letter was one written by Frank H. Keech, of Keech, Leow & Co., relative to the bonds which had ben delivered to Mr. Rogers, and was a demand that the bonds be returned to Mr. Keech's firm, where it appeared they had been previously deposited.

Henry H. Rogers, Jr., testified to Spier being entrusted with $145,000 worth of shares of stock for the purpose of their being deposited with the Central Trust Co., as collateral for a new issue of the Asbury Park & Sea Girt railway bonds. Mr. Rogers said it was not known until May 2 that these bonds were not promptly deposited.

Frank P. Keech testified that Spier had deposited with his concern the $145,000 worth of bonds as his personal property. On the Friday before his death Spier was allowed to take the bonds to deposit in the Central Trust Company.

William Laws, secretary of the Bowling Green Trust Co., testified that Spier had drawn $2,500, which he had on deposit there on the Friday before his death.

The jury, after half an hour's deliberation found that Spier came to his death by a bullet wound from a pistol fired by his own hand.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A HOLIDAY EPISODE.

A dog of unkempt appearance and a generally hang-dog expression trotted furtively down an alley to the sidewalk on Union street at an early hour this morning.

A small boy, with a firecracker, stood near the corner of the alley.

Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Peter Binks, was approaching the alley at a brisk pace, arrayed in holiday attire, and wearing that expression of peace and good-will which becomes a man who is at peace with himself and the world, and is about to enjoy an outing.

The convergence of these three dissimilar elements at that point at the same moment was the immediate cause of a series of happenings quite out of harmony with the spirit of Victoria Day, and the reverberations of the sound thereof extended even to Lower Cove and the Marsh Bridge.

At the moment when Mr. Binks cast a benign glance upon the small boy, and the dog bent a glance full of suspicion upon the smiling Mr. Binks, the small boy dropped a fire cracker.

Mr. Binks, taken by surprise, leaped in the air with a yell.

The dog also leaped, and when Mr. Binks came down the dog was attached to his nether garment and tugging for a better hold.

Mr. Binks's tailor prides himself on the quality of his cloth, and under ordinary circumstances that pride is not without justification, but the second leap that was executed by Mr. Binks was more than mere cloth could endure. There was a sound of snapping threads, and man and dog parted company.

When Mr. Binks whirled about, the dog, with the material for a blanket in his mouth, was disappearing up the alley. The boy had disappeared. An exploded fire cracker smouldered on the pavement.

Mr. Binks, taking the unfrequented side of the street, and walking with great circumspection, returned to his residence for a change of garments.

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All trains arriving at St. John will be four hours late this evening, owing to the very large quantities of trout which are being brought in by holiday sportsmen.

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Miss Birdie McWhat is spending the day at Westfield. Mr. Peter Binks, Jr., and Mr. Cornfield O'Hoo have also gone in that direction.

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The city drug stores will be open at an early hour tomorrow morning.

RUSSIA CANNOT YET GRANT FULL AMNESTY

ST. PETERSBURG, May 24—The following official statement of the government, justifying the refusal to grant pleadary amnesty, was given out last night and made publishable in all the papers of Russia this morning:

"The question of full political amnesty which has been raised in parliament and which is included in the lower house's address to the emperor and supported by several organs of the Russian press is far from meeting with a sympathetic response from all sections of Russian society. It is impossible to avoid noticing a strong current of feeling against full amnesty in different classes of the population, where it is pointed out that political assassinations do not cease. News is daily telegraphed from the provinces of fresh murders or attempts to murder officials. In the presence of such an irreconcilable disposition on the part of adepts of the terrorist societies, the government cannot expose the peaceful, right-thinking section of the population to danger. The government cannot refrain from bringing to justice terrorists and bomb throwers. It cannot deliver from punishment by judicial sentence people who have committed and are still committing such crimes

"Concerning those who have been arrested by administrative order, many already have been and others will be liberated after careful investigation of the causes of arrest. The full pardon of all who have been arrested by administrative order is a possibility and it may also be possible to abrogate definitely by legislative order states of war, extraordinary defence, etc., and further to institute judicial prosecution in localities where the revolutionary movement displays itself. Judicial depression at present is impossible in those districts owing to the terrorizing and assassination even of witnesses summoned to testify before the courts. But the over-excited state of public feelings above all in the districts referred to is unpropitious to the revision or abrogation of exceptional laws.

"Such is the opinion of the impossibility and inopportuneness of full amnesty entertained by those sections of society, which, refusing to be carried away by preconceived views, face the reality of things in Russia in a reasonable spirit."

The publication in the Official Gazette of ukases, fixing the dates for the election of members of the lower house of the national parliament in the Caucasus and Siberia has evoked the sarcastic comment of the leaders of the opposition that the emperor is the first to violate the new fundamental law and decrees which he signed May 8, the ukases not bearing the countersignature of a minister, as required by the constitution.

M. Shipoff, formerly minister of finance, was today named a member of the council of the state bank.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23—M. Okoanoff, who shot and killed M. Daridoff, a student, at a popular restaurant here during the New Year festivities, has been found guilty and sentenced to four years imprisonment.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 23—Emperor Nicholas today accepted the resignation of Admiral Rojestvensky, which was tendered on the ground of ill health, following wounds received in the war with Japan.