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## PARLIAMENT PROROGUED.

Discussion Respecting the Joint High Commission—Mr. Haggart Pays His Respects to Mr. Blair.

OTTAWA, May 22.—In the house today a message was read from his excellency announcing that the house would prorogue at three o'clock today. Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that MacKenzie & Mann's claim against the government in connection with the Yukon contract was originally \$100,000, but that \$90,000 had been taken off and still further reductions were expected. Before coming to any conclusion in regard to the claim it would be referred to a judicial audit. On the question of the advisability of short speeches, Wallace scored those who tried to block honest criticism. He scored Blair for refusing to lay papers on the table, and give information asked for.

Mr. Borden asked for information with regard to the intentions of the government in regard to the joint high commission. He submitted that the Alaskan boundary should be settled, at once, because delay endangered the standing of Canada.

Laurier stated that it was the expectation that the commission would meet at an early date. In justice to all interested the commission should reach a decision. He had nothing to say about the Alaskan boundary beyond the statement that he recognized the importance of settling it at once. If no agreement is reached, arbitrators will be asked to settle the dispute. Mr. Haggart attacked Blair's policy as open to grave suspicion of corruption.

## CREED REVISION.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 23.—The important question of revising the creed, which for the past two years has been agitating the Presbyterian church, came before the general assembly today and promised a lengthy debate. The discussion is not to be interrupted by other business until the commissioners shall reach some definite conclusion.

The controversy regarding revision has led to the formation of three groups among the 64 commissioners to the general assembly.

First there is the conservative group, composed of those opposed to any change whatever in the doctrinal standard of the church.

Between these stand the centrists, who favor maintaining the old confession with a few modifications, and who desire the adoption of a new "deductive" statement, setting forth the most important doctrines in an explanatory statement, fifteen revision and a supplemental statement, fourteen substitute creed, one an alternative creed and six some change not specified.

In answer to the questions submitted to the Presbyteries, fifty asked the assembly to dismiss the whole subject, one was undecided, four said they desired neither a revision, nor a supplemental statement, nor the dismissal of the whole subject, and of the 233 Presbyteries, 15 in the United States and 16 in foreign lands failed to respond. Of the remaining Presbyteries, nearly two-thirds of the whole number asking for some change in the creedal statement, 47 desired a revision of the confession, eleven an explanatory statement, fifty-two a supplemental statement, fifteen revision and a supplemental statement, fourteen substitute creed, one an alternative creed and six some change not specified.

## NEW YORK'S AMBITION.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Plans are under discussion for a jubilee exposition in this city in 1905, to commence at the Physical Consolidation of the Boroughs of the Metropolis by the completion of the rapid transit railway. It is further planned to give New York a permanent exposition structure with accommodations sufficiently extensive to house the greatest conventions. A corporation will be formed for the purpose of bringing the project to its fruition, and among others who are considering its advisability are August Belmont, Senator Chauncey M. Depew, A. J. Cassatt, Thomas P. Ryan, S. S. Vreeland, C. Oliver Testin, John B. MacDonald, Nathan Straus and Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

## THE YUKON ICE RUNS OUT.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., May 23.—According to advice from Dawson of May 15, received here by the steamer Cottage City, arriving today, the Yukon river at Dawson is clear of ice. On the afternoon of May 14 thousands of people were attracted to the river front by the cracking ice, which was heard for miles. The scene was swarming with business in Dawson was suspended.

## MAMMOTH PLATE MILL.

COATESVILLE, Pa., May 22.—The Lukens Iron and Steel company has just closed a contract for the erection of a 116 inch plate mill here. With the exception of the Carnegie company's mills, this will be the largest in America. When completed the plant will have a capacity of 200,000 tons of finished plates a year.

## BRESCHI COMMITS SUICIDE.

ROME, May 22.—Breschi, the assassin of the late King Humbert, has committed suicide at the penitentiary of Santo Stefano. Breschi recently had been suffering from extreme excitement, declared to be from remorse. Tuesday night he made a rope from his blankets and strangled himself.

## MERE COMMENTS.

The shirt-waist girl is having a hard struggle, but she will surely win, as King Sol is on her side. He will soon compel all jackets and wraps to get off the street, and give the shirt-waist girl full swing. It is useless to struggle against these two.

In spite of the fact that the new ladder truck is taken out almost daily, a crowd of small boys are ever in attendance. The effect of the two in concert creates quite a disturbance and bring many of those who are ever on the alert for new things to their windows.

The latest way to give your pet dog a bath is to take him to the fountain in King Square and entice him into the clear water by throwing in a stick or some other article. If your dog is wise he will dash in and emerge dripping, but clean—so say some of those who have already tried the experiment.

It is no unusual sight during these bright, sunny days to see at least ten baby carriages collected in King Square, and in cases where three or four fond mothers, who are in charge of the vehicles, and who know each other, are comparing babies, the group is most interesting. Even those who are not acquainted show by signs and symbols that the same method of comparison is going on mentally. If not verbally.

## TOO LAME TO SUIT GRANT.

Diplomatic Way in Which a Horse He Received from the Sultan Was Exchanged.

(Washington Post.)

What purported to be an unpublished story concerning the Arab steed presented to Gen. Grant by the Sultan of Turkey, was related by Hon. Oscar S. Straus, former diplomatic representative of the American government on the Bosphorus, a few days ago. Mr. Straus was about to read a paper on the subject of immigration. He said it would be a very dry subject, and that that was his excuse for telling some stories of American diplomacy in the Levant. Gen. Grant, he continued, was on his way around the world.

At Constantinople he was generously received by the Ottoman officials. "Whatever might be said about the Sultan being slow in paying his debts," declared the very little man who represented Uncle Sam at the city of mosques, "he is certainly very quick in hospitality. Among other evidences of his esteem for Gen. Grant was a splendid charger. It was a fiery, coal black animal, the best I have produced. After Gen. Grant departed the horse was discovered to be lame in one foot. A grave problem was presented to the diplomats attached to the legation. An idea came into the mind of the Turkish chief of staff, the Ottoman diplomatic service, he thanked the august personage for the horse on behalf of Grant.

"It is splendid, only it is black," he said.

"What difference does that make?" inquired the Ottoman diplomat.

"Why, in America, you know, we have many superstitions, the great of which concerns black horses. They are regarded as unlucky."

Whereupon the Turkish official informed the Sultan, and the American secretary was requested to examine a new string of horses and make a proper selection for Gen. Grant. This he did, as Mr. Straus remarked, "with half an eye on the color of the horse and the other eye and a half on the shapely limbs of the chargers." The equine specimen selected and shipped to America was perfect in every respect.

## BOOK BOUND IN A WOMAN'S SKIN.

The bequest of Mile. B., to the French astronomer and novelist, Flammarion, is probably without a parallel in the record of last testaments.

Mile. B. was the possessor of a wonderful complexion and a neck and shoulders which made her conspicuous at any function where décolleté was required. Flammarion met her at a dinner party and complimented her on her fair complexion, laying special stress on the beauty of her neck and shoulders. The girl was much gratified by his admiration, and the incident closed for the time being.

Some months later the author received a black bordered envelope. It contained an announcement of the death of Mile. B., and added that it was the young woman's wish that the skin of her neck and shoulders be preserved and sent to him to be used by him as a binding for one of his works.

Prof. Barnard, the head of the astronomy department in the University of Chicago, determined while on a recent visit in Paris to sound Flammarion as to the truth of the story. Flammarion listened in silence, then with a quick "Pardon" he jumped from his seat and left the room. In a few minutes he returned with a volume seemingly bound in delicate calf. He laid it upon Barnard's knee.

"Voilà" (behold it), he said simply. —Chicago Record-Herald.

## SEEN IN NEW YORK.

She was in a car on the "L." It was in the middle of a sunny afternoon. She had on a pretty forward, blue, with a lace stock and chemise, fresh white gloves and a good hat. She sat bolt upright, as Queen Alexandra always does, even on a long railway journey. There was no one near her, except opposite, a lone workman, who was fast asleep. Occasionally she looked carelessly at him. Suddenly, as if by enchantment, her well-bred lips parted, her jaws opened in a most prodigious, unbridled yawn, there reappeared, a few seconds apart. It was a fascinating horror. Each time it seemed as if next time she would surely put her hand over her mouth, or in some way hide that wonderful expansive yawn. But no! She kept it up, with as much apparent unconsciousness as if she were still in the middle of the Mojave desert.

## FOREST FIRES.

Raging at Points Along the Intercolonial—Trains Ordered to Run With Caution.

MONCTON, N. B., May 23.—Forest fires were raging at various points along the Intercolonial between Harcourt and Quebec, yesterday. The weather has been very dry, and unless rain falls soon great damage must result. At Harcourt several miles square have already been burnt, but as this section was almost wholly denuded of forest for about a dozen years there was little material except blackened stumps and dead limbs for the fire to feed upon, and it spread slowly. In the vicinity of Barnaby river and Regerville the damage is greatest, and people are making desperate efforts to save property and houses. In spite of all they could do a house and barn near Barnaby river, owned by David Buckley, was burned to the ground yesterday and other places were in immediate danger, that people were packing up belongings to move at a moment's notice. Large lots of railway ties and posts piled along the track were also burned, and railway authorities were obliged to move cars from the sidings to save them. The fire is on both sides of the railway, and trains are ordered to run through the fire district with caution.

## TROUBLE ENDS IN BLOODSHED.

ELIE, Pa., May 23.—Contractor John Kane shot and killed William Harrington near the Anchor line wharf last night. Kane claims Harrington threatened him. Trouble has been brewing for some time at these docks. A longshoreman's union objecting to the contract system and the men refused to go to work.

Kane had contracts for handling freight, and twice brought gangs of men from Buffalo, the last one on Tuesday. These men, after being seen by the longshoremen, declined to go to work and were sent back to their homes. The feeling has grown more bitter every day and last night when Kane was taken to the police station by a crowd of nearly 1,000 men surrounding the place. The aspect was so threatening for the life of the prisoner that the police quickly transferred him to the county jail.

## RUSSIAN LABOR TROUBLES.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 21.—The Obukhovskiy Arsenal, Plate Ordnance works, a government institution midway between St. Petersburg and Schusselburg, was the scene of a riotous demonstration involving severe fighting between soldiers, police and mounted Gendarmes and strikers today. Workmen numbering several thousand men, struck Monday and the windows of the factory on the Schusselburg road were smashed. The Gendarmes fired on the strikers, killing several and wounding many, according to information given by local witnesses.

The soldiers were patrolling the district in couples when the scene was visited this afternoon. The cause was lined for long distances with idle workmen. The eight-hour movement is apparently spreading rapidly.

## MEN ORDERED TO STRIKE.

NORFOLK, Va., May 22.—Conferees between the Seaboard Air line railway officials and the committees representing the International Association of Machinists have been fruitless. At the office of vice-president and General Manager Barr. He declined to recognize any members of the committee except such as were employees of the road. He refused each and every demand of the workmen. After leaving Mr. Barr's office, S. D. Nedrey, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, who has been managing the local strike situation, telegraphed to all points on the Seaboard Air line, where machinists are employed, ordering the men to strike.

## EXPENSIVE FUN.

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio, May 23.—A jury yesterday awarded \$11,000 in damages for injuries received at the hands of a mob, David Rickman and Ed. Jackson, colored, and Mrs. Nell Jackson, were tarred and feathered and driven out of town by indignant citizens of West Liberty. The trio brought suits for damages against Logan County. Jackson was awarded \$1,000 damages, Rickman \$3,000 and Mrs. Jackson \$7,000.

## PRETORIUS IS DEAD.

JOHANNESBURG, Transvaal Colony, May 23.—Marthinus Wessels Pretorius, the first president of the Dutch African republic, the title of which was changed in 1888 to that of the South African republic, died May 19 at Pretoria, Transvaal, after two days' illness.

## THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, May 23.—Maritime—Southwesterly winds, unsettled and showery; Friday, rain northwesterly winds, fair.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Forecast:—Eastern states and Northern N. Y.—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Somewhat lower temperature. Fresh to brisk northwesterly winds.

## FORGOTTEN HER CALLING.

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