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EMPRESS PROBE IS NOW TO BEGIN

First Session in Quebec Tomorrow Morning

LIKELY LONG DRAWN OUT

So Far About Sixty Witnesses and Each of Them May Have to Stand Questioning by Four Lawyers, Representing Various Interests

Quebec, June 15.—Preparations were completed today for the enquiry into the Empress disaster. The enquiry will take place in the court house. This morning that building was crowded with newspaper men, telegraph operators and government officials, making arrangements for handling of the various details. Lord Moresy was this morning on his way to Quebec on the Montreal harbor commission's steamer Sir Hugh Allan.

Officials of the marine department, are still serving subpoenas on witnesses and it is thought that when the commission opens more than sixty of the officers and crew of the Empress and Stordal and survivors will be in attendance. As each of these witnesses is liable to examination at least four times, once by Edmund L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, who acts for the government; once by Butler Spence, K. C., who represents the admiralty lawyer brought over by the C. P. R.; once by Humphrey Mellish, C. of Halifax, who is said to have been retained by the Stordal owners, and once by a legal representative of the British Seaman's union, the proceedings are likely to be protracted.

PRINCE WILLIAM LEADS ALBANIANS AND THEY REPULSE ATTACK

Durazzo, Albania, June 15.—The Albanian government troops under the personal leadership of Prince William today repulsed a strong attack on the Albanian capital by Mussulman insurgents. At the outset of the fighting the insurgents gained an advantageous position, but Colonel Thomson, Dutch commander of the gendarmes had been killed, Prince William placed himself at the head of the defenders, who succeeded in silencing the rifle and artillery fire of the attacking force after three hours of fighting.

Bluejackets from the international fleet lying off the Albanian coast have been sent ashore to guard the foreign legations.

FREDERICK NEWS Frederick, N. B., June 15.—Dr. A. B. Atherton left on Saturday for Ottawa to attend a meeting of the Dominion Medical Council.

James S. Neil, will leave this evening for the southwest Miramichi for a fortnight's fishing trip.

Lord and Lady Ashburnham will sail from Liverpool on June 20 by the steamship Megantic and will spend the summer here.

Reports received at the crown land office are that salmon fishing on the Sagouche has been a failure so far and the run of sea trout in midwaters has not been up to average.

A man named Lombe, an employe of Corbett & Sons, had his leg crushed between two cars at Gagetown on Saturday night. He was taken to the Victoria Hospital this morning.

BY-LAW MATTER Martin Bacon was sentenced today to 80 or two months in jail with hard labor for allowing straw to fall from his sloven in Pond street on last Wednesday. He admitted the offence. He had been hauling stone and using straw on the bottom of his sloven and in going back, empty some of the straw dropped off.

Phelix and Phereiman- WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturp, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A pronounced area of high pressure is spreading over the Great Lakes from the westward while there are indications of the development of an important low area near the Atlantic coast. The weather is fine throughout the dominion, fairly warm in the western provinces and rather cool from Ontario eastward.

Showery Tomorrow Maritime—Southerly winds fair today; Tuesday, northeasterly winds and showery. New England—Partly cloudy tonight; Tuesday, fair, moderate southwest to northwest winds.

Berry in Boston; Subpoena Served on Him by Special Man Sent There by Dugal Counsel

Investigation by Royal Commission to be Opened Tomorrow—A Conference Held Last Week in Montreal

Counsel for L. A. Dugal, M. P., the accused in the charges against Premier Fleming and members of his government, have been successful in locating H. H. Berry, chief secretary for the local government, and a subpoena has been served upon him. The uncertainty regarding his appearance to testify, when the commission commences the inquiry tomorrow, is the chief point of interest at the moment in connection with the proceedings.

On the day when the commission first met for organization Mr. Berry left his home in St. Stephen and crossed the border into the United States, leaving no definite information regarding his destination or the probable date of his return. When an agent of Mr. Dugal's counsel arrived at his home to serve the subpoena upon him his departure was learned. Mrs. Berry seemed much disturbed over the matter and promised to endeavor to locate her husband and to try to induce him to return.

While in the United States Mr. Berry was made, through newspaper friendly to the administration, that Mr. Berry was ill and had gone to the United States to seek the advice of specialists, with the possibility that he might find it necessary to enter a sanitarium for a prolonged stay.

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THIEVES AT WORK

Robbery in T. J. Phillips' North End Store—Cash Register Rifled

The fruit and confectionary store of T. J. Phillips in Main street was broken into on Saturday night or Sunday morning and all the cash left in the cash register from Saturday night's sales was taken. When the store was opened this morning it was found that an entrance had been made through the back door. A padlock was broken and the bolt with which an inner door had been secured had also been forced. It is not known how much money had been left in the cash register, as most of it had been reported to have been given to the proprietor, and what was taken would be from late sales. It has not been the custom at Phillips' to keep the cash register over night, but the proprietor left early on Saturday evening and some money was there.

KILLS WIFE AND CHILD AND SELF

Only Babe of Two Weeks Left Alive at Home of Galician in Toronto

Kewatit, Ont., June 15.—Last evening, a Galician named Frank Mest murdered his wife and two year old child, and then committed suicide by drowning. The tragedy took place within a stone's throw of his home and was witnessed by two men, who did not realize what was happening until it was too late to take any action.

Next worked on the road which is being built to the Manitoba boundary. No explanation for the terrible deed can be given. A two weeks' old infant was left in the house and is totally unprovided for. It is at present being taken care of by friends of the parents.

THE ONTARIO ELECTIONS

Toronto, June 15.—Further nominations for the Ontario elections are announced as follows:—Pitons—Harry Dempsey, farmer, of Ameliasburg township by the Conservatives for the riding of Prince Edward, R. A. Norman, former member, re-elected.

ALLEGED DEFAULTER FROM MERCHANTS' BANK CAUGHT

Montreal, June 15.—It was learned here this morning that Vassil O. Delingee, alleged defaulter from the Merchants' Bank of this city, was arrested in Preston, Ont., last night. A woman accompanying him, and who is alleged to have been taken from the bank, was seized several thousand dollars.

GREECE AND TURKEY

London, June 15.—A despatch to the Times from Athens says Greece is actively making naval preparations for war today when Premier Venizelos sent to the Porte a note insisting that a reply be returned at once to his previous communication demanding that persecution of Greeks in Turkish dominions cease at once. National sentiment is strongly in favor of war.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

The Montreal board of control is cutting 100 full-time work employees and saving about \$84,000 a year. In the assessment department, however, some salaries are being increased.

The London Daily Express says the militant suffragettes pay a regular price for acts of violence. The stained gussat windows damaged in St. George's church last night were made in the year 1500 by Belgian workmen.

Great damage has been done to the north of France and Belgium by terrific storms which cloud bursts. The Emperor and Empress of Russia are visiting King Charles of Roumania. They received an enthusiastic welcome.

The engineer's assistant who invaded Buckingham Palace on June 7 and wandered around for some hours was let go at the discretion of the king.

HEAVY CATCHES OF SALMON BY DALHOUSIE FISHERMEN Dalhousie, N. B., June 15.—Very heavy catches of salmon were made last week by fishermen from Dalhousie going east on the Quebec side of the Bay Chaleur. The fish are scarce on the New Brunswick coast.

Two More Murders By New York's Gangs of Gunmen

Revenge Declared to Be Motive in Both Cases—Stray Shots Hit Children Playing in Street

New York, N. Y., June 15.—Gunmen killed two men in the East Side yesterday, seriously wounded a third, and stray bullets from their revolvers struck two children and caused superficial wounds. Revenge is assigned as the cause for both murders.

COOK MUST DIE; EXECUTION LINE 30

Halifax, N. S., June 15.—Judge Ritchie has refused to grant stay of execution for Edward Cook, under sentence of death for the murder of a Syrian pedlar in last December. Cook will be hanged on June 30.

AT LEAST FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF GAS

Columbus, O., June 15.—Twelve men were fatally injured and eight seriously burned when a gas main which a gang of workmen were repairing exploded here yesterday. Four of the injured died after being removed to the hospitals. All the dead were foreigners.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

Montreal, June 15.—Resolutions advocating the abolition and changing of the infirmary term and the amount of the superannuation fund were introduced at the Methodist conference on Saturday. A resolution regretfully referred to the large number of liquor advertisements in the Montreal newspapers. These will be considered by the committee.

WILSON SIGNS PANAMA BILL

Washington, D. C., June 15.—President Wilson today signed the Panama tolls exemption repeal bill, as amended in the Senate and agreed to by the House.

WHY LONDON JUDGES GO TO LINKS ON SUNDAYS

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HINDUS ON STEAMER ARE FACING SERIOUS SITUATION

Vancouver, B. C., June 15.—Starvation stares the Hindus on the steamship Komagata Maru in the face and only the liberal subscriptions from fellow countrymen in this city to procure food for the return to their country, will be their salvation. As last report they are fasting day and night to replenish the larder.

Applications made to the local Hindus to come to the rescue do not meet generous response, the local men fearing that such assistance might lead to undesirable inquiries. Provided the charter money is not paid within a few days the order will be given for the Komagata Maru to return to Japan.

Reducing the Rent

Mr. Storekeeper, did you ever figure out that you can utilize advertising to reduce your fixed charge for rent? How? By the very greatly increased business it will bring you. Just figure your advertising cost as part of the rent and figure your new percentage on the greater volume.

STRENGTHENING THE POLO TEAM

Americans Spurred on By Defeat of Saturday

BETTING ODDS CHANGE

Now Three and Even Four To One in Favor of England—English Derby Winner Fails To Capture French Classic

New York, June 15.—A radical change in the line-up of the American polo camp defenders because of Saturday's defeat by the British team seems assured, judging from talk heard in the polo colony at Meadowbrook today. The second game will be on Tuesday.

The committee of the polo association is to meet today, and at its conclusion a new line-up of the American team will be announced. The new line-up, it is expected, will be Lawrence Waterbury, No. 1; J. M. Waterbury, No. 2; Malcolm Stevenson, No. 3, and Dewey Milburn back. This, it is said, is the strongest combination of players that the committee can bring forward at this time. It means that three members of the "Big Four" will be in their old positions. H. P. Whitney cannot resume his place on the team because of lack of condition, as he has not played polo for nearly a year.

Hempstead, L. I., June 15.—Owing to the downpour of rain all night, indications this afternoon were that the second game, set for Tuesday, might have to be postponed, owing to slippery condition of the field. However, if the weather clears by evening, the game may be played.

Betting Changes. The optimism that was so apparent on Saturday morning in the American camp and among thousands of American followers of the game, had been changed to gloom today, because of Saturday's English victory. The remarkable shift in betting from two to one in favor of America to three and four to one in favor of England tells the tale. Both American and English newspapers showed signs of the hard riding of Saturday's game but the cool weather, which came with the rain, kept them in excellent condition.

Rome, June 15.—Church property suffered very severely during the riots accompanying the recent general strike in Italy, according to reports sent to the "New Day". These show that fourteen churches were burned and thirty-nine damaged, while twenty-three others were looted. Work was resumed generally today, at Ravenna, Forli, Cesana, Rimini, Lugo, Pesaro and Parma. In other districts the authorities were busy succeeding in restoring order.

Paris, June 15.—The totally unexpected victory of Baron Winborne's polo team over the Meadowbrook four on Saturday afternoon, has given intense satisfaction on this side of the ocean and many congratulations have been cabled to Baron Winborne on the outcome of his plucky effort. King George's keen interest in the contests is well known and it is an open secret that His Majesty was largely responsible for the selection of Baron Winborne, who is a king's fool in waiting, to endeavor to bring back the international polo trophy from the United States.

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Knock-out Blow for Mediaton is Said of News Published in New York Paper

New York, June 15.—A special to the World from Washington says: "Mediation of the Mexican trouble got what is believed to be a knock-out blow last night, when it became known that General Huerta will inform President Wilson today that he will not resign but will continue war if a Carranza or revolutionary sympathizer is chosen by the mediators as provisional head of the Mexican government." The information, virtually an ultimatum, will be delivered to the president by Chas. A. Towse, formerly United States senator from Minnesota, and now legal representative of Huerta. Mexico City, June 15.—A message received by President Huerta says that the Constitutionalists were repulsed at Zacatecas.