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NOT AT ALL ANXIOUS ABOUT GREAT EXCITEMENT IN ANDOVER COURT; PROTECTING THE TREASURY LEON TELLS HIS STORY OF THE MURDER

Government Members on Public Accounts Committee Vote Down Proposal That Contractors Be Asked to Furnish Bonds

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 1.—The public accounts committee met in session this morning and passed upon about fifty pages of the auditor general's report. Several items were criticized, but for the most part the morning was taken up with explanations made by the auditor. The committee recommended that the government take steps to class all accounts and arrange a settlement of all accounts due from municipalities for the care of pauper lunatics. These amounts are carried over from year to year and the committee was of the opinion that it was time they were swept off the books. Some discussion took place as to whether the government began the fiscal year with a clean sheet. The auditor said that this had been done as far as possible. All over drafts, suspense accounts and over expenditures had been bonded. There were still some outstanding bills but these could not be handed until they came in. Mr. Prescott maintained that it could not be clearly said that the government was starting with a clean sheet, and debts still due should be clearly stated. An amount of \$408 is standing on the books in favor of the deputy provincial secretary. It was recommended it should be settled and no longer carried forward. Mr. Winslow of the Public Works Department was called to explain the system of setting public contracts. He stated that the contractor had to deposit five per cent in cash and that thirty per cent of the estimate was withheld until the completion of the work to the satisfaction of the government engineer, but that no bonds were given. The opposition strongly criticized this method and maintained that public interests were not sufficiently guarded and that bonds should be also given. The government minister on the committee claimed that the same system is adopted by the Dominion government. Mr. Tvesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Lablouis, that the committee recommend to the Public Works Department "that all contractors furnish bonds with two satisfactory sureties in addition to the five per cent deposit for satisfactory performance of contract." Dr. Bourque moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. Prescott, that the committee take no action, as the present safeguards are sufficient in the public interest. The amendment carried. Several pages of the report were allowed to stand for the present and will be taken up later. The committee adjourned until tomorrow morning.

KANSAS CONVICTS LAUGHED AS THEIR PRISON BURNED

Federal Militia With Levelled Rifles Held the Eight Hundred Criminals in Check Until the Fire Was Mastered

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., April 1.—It took 1,300 United States soldiers to maintain order and to prevent prisoners from escaping during a fire which destroyed four buildings of the Federal Military Prison here early today. All the 800 prisoners were marched out of their cells when it seemed that the whole prison certainly would be destroyed and were held under heavy military guard until the fire was under control. Then after some of the cell houses had cooled sufficiently they were marched back again. The fire was discovered before midnight by a sentry who fired his pistol, the fire call was sounded, and the entire garrison at Fort Leavenworth turned out. The thirteenth infantry armed with rifles was thrown around the entire prison. The fire which probably started in the prison tailor shop gained rapidly against the prison guard working with buckets and small hoses. The fire department of Leavenworth answered an emergency call and joined forces with the soldiers in a battle against the flames. The fire was confined to the central row of the buildings and consumed the industrial departments of the prison including the paint shop, the tailor shop, carpenter shop and laundry. The buildings contained many combustibles and the flames threatened the buildings. The cell houses rapidly became filled with smoke and got suffocatingly hot. After a while the fire was under control. The first guard line was placed about 150 feet from the prison wall and the men in it were stationed ten feet apart. The second line was 300 feet further back, and the men were stationed in a similar order. Through this line no one except an officer or a soldier on duty was allowed to pass. When the fire was started there was gas among the prisoners. "Let it burn," they yelled.

Hatch Raised a Lively Commotion—Seppelil's Statement Agrees in Almost Every Detail With That Given by Tony—Leon Pleased That the Others are Under Arrest

ANDOVER, N. B., April 1.—The examination this morning opened with the evidence of Leon Seppelil. Seppelil entered the court room with his old walk and except being much paler is little changed. His evidence, which runs much as follows, was given in a strong calm voice: "I am one of the men who killed Edward Green, and am at present confined in the jail here under sentence of death for that murder. I know I am to be hanged on the fourth of May. "I was at the Amiel Johnson camp on the 18th of December at noon. We got our time and went to the camp." At this juncture a fierce clash occurred between Mr. Carter and Mr. Jones. It eventually ended by Mr. Carter telling Mr. Jones that he was not going to run the court, and Mr. Jones replied that Mr. Carter had too much to say, and it was for Mr. McQuarrie to judge. Mr. Carter added: "You are bound to have the last word, so take it." Mr. Jones replied: "It would be impossible to get the last word you are." Finally Mr. McQuarrie requested the learned gentlemen to be quiet, whereupon Seppelil continued his evidence. "Tony had bought a watch from Murray and left him a shot gun and revolver for it. Saturday morning we got up before daylight, and packed our blankets and went to get our time. The time-keeper had it ready and gave it us. We took our time checks and went to Camp No. 2. They were eating breakfast there and we stayed a while, then we went and exchanged our time checks with the time-keeper for a bank check. We asked him to cash the checks. When we came out Tony looked at his watch and said the train had gone. We went to the camp at No. 2 and asked them to buy the rifle, but they did not want it, so we went to Peter Crocco's store at Plaster Rock, and we tried to sell him the rifle, but could not. We then went over to the station and left the rifle there. We cashed our checks and went to the hotel to get our dinner. Then we went back to Peter Crocco's again. We offered to exchange the rifle for two pairs of pants but he again refused. It was getting dark so we started back to the camp. On the way we met that man down there (pointing to Mr. Lowley), I was carrying the rifle and Tony asked the man for a match. We got to the camp about five o'clock. Soon after this the crew came in and asked why we did not have on the train. They looked at some macaroni and we eat together. After supper Sandy Murray told us two peddlers had passed and they had a million, and said, 'Will you do this thing?' None of us answered. Our grips were at camp No. 2. I did not have any blankets, and Murray told me to sleep with him. Through the night Murray was speaking to me about the two peddlers. He was saying if we would kill these men we would be rich. He told me not to be frightened and showed me a police check of a gold color. I went to sleep and about two or three o'clock he roused me. In the morning Sandy Murray got up and took Tony by the feet and told him to get up, and took him outside the camp. Andrew gave Tony a knife and said, 'If you cannot kill him with a gun, kill him with the knife.' Andrew and James said to me if we would do it we would be rich. Sandy Murray loaded the shot gun. When we arrived at the end of the dump, Tony was behind us. Sandy Murray said the murderer in this (Continued on page seven)

FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION ON SHIP; TWELVE DEAD, OTHERS HURT

Fumes in Tanks of Oil Steamer Ignited During Inspection—Decks Blown Off and Men Hurled Skyward

MARSEILLES, April 1.—The French tank bark Jules Henry, Capt. Escoffier, in the oil trade between Philadelphia and Cote, blew up this morning and was practically totally wrecked. Twelve members of her crew were killed and many were wounded. The bark arrived at Cote March from Philadelphia. A representative of the Veritas agency, accompanied by the second officer, was inspecting the vessel at the time she blew up. In the course of their work the two men entered the tank and immediately after there was a terrific explosion. The entire deck of the bark was lifted, and the forward portion of the ship was wrenched off. Twenty men of the crew were at work painting and repairing. They all were blown into the air. Great sheets of fire shot up from the vessel and in a few seconds she was enveloped in flames. Prompt aid came from neighboring ships in the harbor, but it was impossible for the small boats to get close into the burning vessel. Six burned and mutilated bodies have been recovered from the floating wreckage. A number of wounded men also have been brought ashore. Others still are missing and subsequently perished. The second officer and the insurance inspector were thrown high in the air by the force of the explosion. They are still alive, but are not expected to live. The Jules Henry discharged her cargo at Cote and arrived here March 27 with her tanks empty for inspection. It is presumed that oil fumes in the tanks exploded. PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—The crew of French tank bark Jules Henry, which blew up this morning at Marseilles, are probably all Frenchmen. Nothing is known here concerning the crew, but shipping men say that as a rule foreign vessels in the oil trade carry crews shipped abroad. The Jules Henry sailed from here for Cote on February 13.

LONGBOAT IS THE FAVORITE FOR SATURDAY NIGHT'S RACE

NEW YORK, April 1.—Longboat is favorite at 8 to 5, Dorando at 5 to 2, Shrub at 3 to 1, Maloney at 5 to 1, and both Hayes and St. Ives at 10 to 1, in the many articles of odds quoted here in anticipation of the much awaited derby at the Polo Grounds Saturday. But there is much uncertainty in the speculation for it is generally agreed that the race will be a hard one, for it will be under new conditions, under a grass track five laps to a mile in the open air. There will be no sharp turns, smoky atmosphere and no overpowering steam heat to weaken the stamina of the men as has been the case in the Manhattan contests at Madison Square Garden. Athletic sharp predict that Shirub and Dorando will set the pace, while Longboat, Maloney and Hayes will run under waiting orders. St. Ives is an unknown quantity as he has never been seen in a race here, but reports from Princeton say that he looks like a dangerous factor. A feature of the contest is the probability that it will draw the largest crowd that ever witnessed the full running of a Manhattan race in this country. The Polo Grounds seat 30,000 people this season, because of recent extension of the bleachers to completely surround the field.

SACKVILLE NEWS

SACKVILLE, N. B., April 1.—At a meeting of the Allison Amateur Athletic Association last evening A. W. Doe, '09, of Devonshire, Bermuda, resigned his position as track captain. The choice fell upon Walter Dibble, '10, of Milltown, as his successor, but Dibble was unable to accept the office because of pressure of college work. Another meeting will be held this evening when an appointment will be made. J. B. Young, of Kentville, has been elected captain of the senior class track team. At a meeting of citizens Alderman Fawcett and Mr. Fred Duncester were endorsed in North ward, while for the West ward C. E. Lund was endorsed. Both Lund and Duncester requested a day or so in which to consider.

FREDERICTON LADY BECOMES A COUNTESS

Mrs. Fanny Leigh, Daughter of Late Hon. John A. Beckwith, Weds Count Louis de Granville.

NEW SERVICE NOT POPULAR

MONTREAL, April 1.—The third class on the G. T. F. was forced to put on between Montreal and Toronto, left here empty on her first trip. A social demonstration of all classes of music with art exhibits, including light refreshments, will be held at the music room of the Dominion Specialty Co., Ltd., Friday afternoon and evening. Music lovers and our patrons are cordially invited. Look for the sign of the Golden Harp, opposite Dufferin Hotel. Postmaster Edward Sears occupied his new office for the first time today. Many of his friends called on him to extend their congratulations.

ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP IS THE PLAYTHING OF THE WINDS

Being Carried Helplessly Over the Country While Thousands of Soldiers Follow on Land to Save the Pieces—The Count on Board

MUNICH, April 1.—The Zeppelin airship, with the Count himself on board, is the plaything of the winds, and is being swept helplessly over the country. She is out of control and drifting with no hope of being able to make headway against the increasing wind. The wind is too high to attempt a landing. Soldiers in swift automobiles are racing over the country after the vessel in order to be on hand should descent be attempted, and several squadrons of heavy cavalry have been ordered out and are galloping down the roads to the northeastward for the same purpose. LANDSHUT, April 1.—The Zeppelin airship flew over Landshut at 10 o'clock past 11 going to the northeast.

THE EMPRESS REPORTED

HALIFAX, N. S., April 1.—Empress of Ireland reported 315 miles from here 7 o'clock last night, due here at 5 o'clock this afternoon, St. John at 3 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SHE WOULD NEVER

be able to clean house, she said. The cellar was full of ashes, and nobody showed any interest in getting them out. "Well," said her deliberate husband, "I haven't the time to hunt up a man to haul them away." This made the little woman mad. Next morning, when her husband got up, he saw two men removing the ashes from the cellar. "The small want ad, dear," said his wife sweetly. Call main 25