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...icious Practices

...er Day's Delving in the Dirt at Ottawa.

Interior Department Frauds Unearthed.

Caucus Called by the Premier.

...nment Ready to Sacrifice Its ... Servants—The Axe Falls ... Couple of Officials' Necks.

...July 15.—The disclosures before ...s and Elections Committee and ...blic Accounts Committee have ...en Premier Abbott. Sir Hec... a hint to leave at the last ...he Cabinet but would not take ...bott has, therefore, called a ...ators and members to devise ...pelling Sir Hector to leave, ... of rescuing the party from ... Yesterday one obscure civil ... was discharged and Nel... Others are to follow, but ... general that in the state ... opinion has been roused ...an sweep of the whole bad ...cepted.

...e Accounts Committee con... its investigation yesterday into the ... in the Department of the Interior. ...rs more clearly than ever that per... employes were for years accustomed ...se their salaries by certifying to ... put in for extra work by tempor...s and then dividing up. The fol... accounts were under examination:

OTTAWA, Jan. 27, 1890.

...rtment of the Interior, dr. in account ...F. McCabe, to 49 hours' extra work at 50 ...s, $24 50. (Certified.) F. NELSON.

OTTAWA, Jan. 27, 1890.

...partment of the Interior, dr.: To F. Mc... ...e, to 53 hours' extra work at 50 cents, ...50. (Certified correct.) H. KINLOCH.

...th accounts were in the handwriting of ... McCabe. McCabe said he was em...d in the Department of the Interior ...ear as extra clerk. He was paid accord... to the Auditor-General's report—365 ...at $1 50; extra work, 102 hours at 50 cents, ...50. With regard to the first account ...id that Mr. Nelson was employed in ...ring the annual departmental report, ... to the best of his knowledge, had Mr. ...er helping him. One of these two ...e to him and said they had done a great ... of extra work in connection with the ...port and where entitled to receive extra ...y. Witness was asked to allow his name ...be used for the extra work but was not ...get any of the money. He concluded to ... his name to be used as a matter of ...omodation. As for the second account ...could not remember that Mr. Kinloch ...certified to it or what official took it ...r. Kinloch to be certified. At the time ...as not under Mr. Kinloch, but under ...S. Brough.

...Somerville asked Mr. McCabe if he ...id any of the work in the second ac... but he could not remember. He ...t think he got any part of the first ...t.

...Somerville—You got a check for ...work in 1889-90 of $254. How much ...did you give to Mr. Brough?

...McCabe—I shared the check. I ...ember how much I gave him.

...merville—Did you know that ...getting money was against the ...

...Cabe—Well, I thought not. I ...ructed to do it by Mr. Brough, ...hom I was working. It was the ... I came to share with him because ...formed it was a common practice. ...t remember that Mr. Kinloch ever ...ed to my account.

Somerville—Did you allow your ...e to be used in 1886 for an account of ...?

McCabe—Yes, I think it was for Nelson. He said we both did extra ...k. I never received a dollar of that ...unt. It all went to Mr. Nelson.

Mr. Lister—How long has this been going on?

Mr. McCabe—In 1887 Mr. Nelson and I ...rked extra time on an index. I think I ...about $10 on that account. Mr. Nelson ...little more.

Lister—Did you "divvy" with any ...1888?

McCabe—I am free to admit that all ...vvying up I did was with Mr. Brough, ...think it was in 1889.

Lister—You gave him a share of the ...y?

Mr. McCabe—Part of the time I did. On ...e whole I think Mr. Brough got the most ...it.

From a series of questions put by Mr. ...er, it appeared that Mr. McCabe was ...he habit of certifying to Mr. Nelson's ...work and Mr. Nelson would certify ...Mr. McCabe's work. In reply to Mr. ...llen he said he secured his position ... through Mr. McMaster, M. P. for ...arry.

...arry Palmer was next examined. Re...ding the first account, he said after it ...as made out Nelson said he would "like ...have some, too," and added, "Do you ...hink you could fix it with McCabe?" ...Now, McCabe was a hard-working fellow, ...nd——

Mr. Somerville—Oh, yes, you certify ...each other.

Mr. Palmer—Well, McCabe said he was ...— if he would do it. I said, "Of course ...ou don't I will lose my share." To help ...he said he would do it. About the ...nd account, Nelson did not want to ...sent it to Burgess, and said, "Can you ... Hall to certify to it?" I said Hall ...ould not do it, and he suggested Kinloch. ...t first Kinloch refused point blank, but ...nally he took it to Mr. Hall, who passed ... Nelson said "he supposed $4 would be ...nough for McCabe for that account." I said, "Do as you like." I gave McCabe the $4. He added that Mr. Nelson did no work after hours for the first account, but supervised the work during his office hours.

Mr. Palmer entered into a long explanation of how he came to leave the department. On the evening of Sir John Macdonald's death he complained to Mr. Pereira, secretary to Mr. Dewdney, about the number of irregularities in the department. It was contemplated to discharge twelve or fourteen extra clerks of the department, and this he said might have an ugly effect on the party.

Mr. Somerville—Which party?

Mr. Palmer—Our party. (Laughter.)

Mr. Foster—Which party is that?

Mr. Palmer—The Conservative party. (Roars of laughter.)

Dr. Landerkin—Another moment of weakness. (Laughter.)

Mr. Palmer said two days later he got a letter from Mr. Burgess discharging him. He wanted an interview with Mr. Burgess about it. Mayor Birkett and John Graham volunteered to go up and see Mr. Burgess, but Mr. Burgess refused them an interview. He was afraid these ugly facts would get out.

Mr. Frank Nelson admitted that he received about $20 in a similar way, but he did not remember from which account it came. It was laid upon his desk and forced upon him. He knew it was wrong to take it. Mr. Nelson said the system began about 1884 or 1885. He himself began to receive extra pay in 1886. He certified to the account of Mr. McCabe, who gave him $73 80 out of it. He said Mr. Ogden, ex-M.P., who left the department to contest Guysboro' against Mr. Fraser, was appointed a fishery inspector on July 1, two weeks ago. He once loaned Mr. Ogden $100 and Mr. Ogden repaid it, but he did not know where it came from. He certified to the work done by Mr. Ogden, but said he could produce the work that Ogden had done. Mr. Ogden wanted him to certify to an account afterwards and offered him a silver watch he had. He refused, saying he could not do it, but offered to trade watches.

Mr. Somerville—Which watch was the more valuable?

Mr. Nelson—Well, I thought Ogden's watch was the more valuable. (Laughter.)

At yesterday's meeting of the Tarte committee Mr. Osler admitted that discrepancies exist in connection with the cross wall contract. Simon Peters gave evidence regarding the manipulation of the Quebec harbor contract, and the Ottawa manager of the Bank of Quebec made some interesting statements regarding money paid to Robert McGreevy, the Baie des Chaleurs Railway and the Langevin testimonial fund.

[Special to the ADVERTISER.]

CLERK [illegible] FOOT HEARD FROM.

OTTAWA, [illegible] July 15.—The Clerk Lightfoot, w[illegible] secured the $100 from Owen E. Murphy, admitted the circumstances this morning before the Tarte committee.

Mr. Peters, the Quebec contractor, was examined and stated to Mr. Edgar that the departmental statement of comparison betwen his tender and that of the Connollys was misleading. It did not include a number of items on which they both tendered, and in every one of which he was lower than the Connollys. Mr. Peters had examined the plans since yesterday's meeting and found that his "guess-work" agreed very well with the figures in them. In the following items he was lower than Larkin, Connolly & Co.: Crib work, $43,700 lower; stone filling, $13,662 lower; earth filling, $38,380 lower; concrete, $59,898 lower; total, $155,640 lower. There were two items in which the Connollys were lower, as follows: Coffer dam, $27,500; sheet piling, $24,875; total, $52,375. Taking this from the former sum it left the Peters, Moore & Wright tender lower as a whole by $103,265 70. In several items the Government engineer's estimate was too low, which worked to the advantage of the Connollys.

NOTES.

Senator Dever will move to-day that when the Senate adjourns to-morrow it stands adjourned till Aug. 11.

A deputation from the East York Farmers' Institute left last night for Ottawa to ask the Government to remove the impost recently levied on malt.

Mr. McMullen, in a notice of motion, asks if it was not a rule in some or all of the departments some years ago that pay sheets had to be executed by each officer, whether temporary or permanent, in payment of salary, and if the Government intends to introduce the system in view of the developments before the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Collingwood Schrieber was asked by Sir Richard Cartwright before the Public Accounts Committee to explain the difference of $300,000 between the estimated and actual expenditure for 1890 on the Intercolonial, which deficit was known May 7, and why Parliament, which was in session at the time, was not asked for it. He admitted that the returns to the department showed the deficit, but simply said it escaped his notice. He had no other explanation.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The Territorial Elections—Nova Scotia Election Protests.

WINNIPEG, July 16.—The Regina Leader announces that the territorial elections will be held this year shortly after the adoption of the amendments to the Northwest Territories Act introduced by Hon. Mr. Dewdney.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 16.—The preliminary objections in the fifteen Nova Scotia election cases were dismissed by the Supreme Court at Halifax yesterday. All the petititions are to go on for trial. Following is the list:

Conservatives—Halifax, Kenny, Stairs; Lunenburg, Kaulbach; Antigonish, Thompson; Pictou, Tupper; Victoria, McDonald; Inverness, Cameron; Richmond, Gillies; Cumberland, Dickey; Shelburne, White; Annapolis, Mills.

Liberals—Queen's, Forbes; Digby, Bowers; Yarmouth, Flint; King's, Borden; Guysboro, Fraser.

Saw Mill Burned.

BISMARCK, Ont., July 14.—Yesterday afternoon fire broke out in the saw mill near the railway station, owned by Mr. Wellington Trigger. The mill, Mr. D. A. Kirkpatrick's dwelling and most of the contents, a stable owned by John Hardaker and a barn and stable owned by R. McQueen were reduced to ashes. Trigger's loss on the mill is about $15,000. Kirkpatrick's loss estimated at $1,000. The loss on Hardaker's stable and McQueen's barn and stable is about $300 each.

Mr. J. R. Allen, upholsterer, Toronto sends us the following: "For six or seven years my wife suffered with Dyspepsia, Costiveness, Inward Piles and Kidney Complaint. We tried two physicians and any number of medicines without getting any relief, until we got a bottle of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery. This was the first relief she got, and before one bottle was used the benefit she derived from it was beyond our expectation."

CARNIVAL OF CRIME.

A Man and Wife Shot by a Jersey Policeman.

Brutal Murder Committed by Texan Robbers.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., July 15.—Policeman John B. Ryerson, of the Seventh precinct, became involved in a row early yesterday morning with James Brennan. Lizzie Brennan, the latter's wife, interferred. Brennan was shot dead and his wife was fatally wounded. Ryerson was arrested.

JOSHUA, Tex., July 15.—Yesterday morning at 1 o'clock two men went to the home of George Newberry, two miles west of Joshua, and demanded admittance. Mr. Newberry being absent, his mother supposed it was him returning, and opened the door. The men forced their way into the house and demanded money they supposed had been received by Newberry a few days previous. The old lady told them she had no money about the house. They then seized the old lady, who is 65 years old, took her to the yard gate and tied her with a rope to the post and gashed her throat. One man remained with the old lady on the outside while the other went into the house, where three children were sleeping. The oldest, a child of 7 years, was awakened, when the man asked where her papa's money was. The child told him she would not tell, and would tell her father of his trying to get his money. The fiend took her out of the house into the yard and cut her throat with a butcher knife. He then went back into the house and got the second girl, aged 5 years, carried her to the yard and cut her throat with the same knife. He afterwards carried the baby boy, 2 years old, into the yard and killed him in the same manner and piled the bodies together. He then washed the knife and left it lying on the table. The old lady is still living and gave the account of the affair. She cannot recover. It is supposed the murder was for the purpose of robbery, as Newberry had just got $500 for damages from the Santa Fe Railway Company, for carrying his wife by Joshua. Officers are scouring the country for the murderers.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 15.—Judge J. A. Warden, who was under indictment for the murder of his son-in-law, the banker, Simpson Fayette, committed suicide at his residence on Lookout Mountain by blowing his brains out.

THE TEACHERS AT TORONTO.

The N. T. A. Convention Formally Opened.

TORONTO, July 15.—The meeting of welcome to the thousands of delegates to the National Teachers' Association held in the Mutual street rink yesterday afternoon was an unqualified success. In spite of the rain which poured down continually, the immense building was packed to the doors. Between 5,000 and 6,000 people were present, and the proceedings were carried out with the greatest possible dispatch and success. Never in the history of this city were so many thousands comfortably seated under one roof, and never was such good order preserved in such an immense meeting. The chairman, J. L. Hughes, public school inspector for Toronto, delivered a brief address of welcome, and then called on Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, who delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the Dominion. Principal Grant's address was eloquent, and repeatedly elicited the applause of the delegates. Other addresses of welcome were given by G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, Rev. Dr. Allis n, Superintendent of Instruction for Nova Scotia, E. Rexford, of Quebec, Mr. William McIntosh, chairman of the Ontario Teachers' Association, and Mayor Clark, of Toronto, also spoke. Mr. Hughes then resigned the chair to Mr. W. R. Garrett, of Tennessee, president of the association, who delivered his address in reply. Three minute responses were made by many of the visitors. The National Council closed its proceedings with a paper on statistics, by W. T. Harris, chairman. The following officers were elected: President, J. H. Baker, Denver, Col.; vice-president, E. W. Coy, Cincinnati, O.; secretary-treasurer, N. C. Schaeffer, Kutztown, Pa.

The National Council of Education resumed its sessions with a large attendance, despite the wet weather. W. T. Harris, chairman of educational statistics, read the paper of the session. The subject was "An attempt to ascertain what items of statistics are useful and what terms should be employed to designate them." Great attention was paid to the reading of the paper, the essayist being interrupted only once by his audience, and that when Hon. John Eaton, commissioner of education for the United States, entered the hall. After the conclusion of the paper the commissioner made a strong address in praise of the paper.

TORONTO, July 15.—The general meeting of the teachers this morning in the Pavilion was well attended. The papers of the session were "Teaching Patriotism," by State Superintendent J. R. Preston, of Mississippi, the discussion being lead by Superintendant A. H. McKay, Nova Scotia, and "History of the National Educational Association," by Z. Richards, first president of the association, of Washington, D. C., followed by a discussion inaugurated by Dr. E. C. Hewitt, Normal, Ill.

Most of the departments held sessions this afternoon. The trains and boats arriving this morning continue to be filled with delegates, who are, however, now about all here.

DISASTROUS STORMS

Throughout Central and Western Missouri—Two Fatalities Reported.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 15.—Specials from various points in Central and Western Missouri report the occurrence Monday night of disastrous storms. Near Sedalia John Dillard's house was struck by lightning. Dillard was instantly killed and his wife fatally injured.

A cloudburst on Ford's Creek, near Clinton, caused a rapid rise in the creek and the washing away of the Kansas City, Clinton and Springfield Railway. Corn and wheat fields were damaged.

At Marshall, Mo., the wind did much damage. Trees and gardens in the city were badly damaged, and in the country wheat and corn were leveled to the ground.

No Wonder.

QUEBEC, July 15.—The Hon. Thos. McGreevy is confined to his bed in this city with illness.

TERSE TELEGRAMS

Wired From Every Quarter of the Globe.

Grand Crop Prospects in Manitoba—The Grenadier Guards Leave Bermuda—A Tramp Mangled.

CANADIAN.

The Bering Sea commissioners left Vancouver, B. C., for the Pribyloff Islands yesterday.

Extensive preparations are being made for the reception of Premier Mercier on his arrival from Europe.

The Stratford Gas Company is suing W. Gordon, proprietor of the Albion and Windsor Hotels, for $5,040 for alleged tapping of one of the company's pipes.

The Electric Street Railway Company of Ottawa have taken action against the city for alleged loss of revenue to the company by the city not having the streets graded.

The parish priest of Ste. Agathe, Man., writes that the crops in that Province will be double that of last year. Manitoba was reported to have yielded 15,000,000 bushels of grain last year.

While Jas. Logan, a tramp, was trying to board a west-bound train at Cobourg, yesterday, he slipped and fell under the moving cars. Both legs were crushed below the knees. He is in a very low state.

Rev. G. K. Adams, who formerly was in charge of the Methodist Church at Neepawa, was married a few days ago to Miss Alice Sutcliff, of Brampton. Among the presents were a piano and a $1,000 check from the bride's father.

Tuesday afternoon a violent wind storm, which lasted only a few minutes, visited the neighborhood of Elora. The dye house of the Ontario Worsted Mills and Wells' tailoring establishment were unroofed. Other buildings were damaged, but no one was injured.

The steamship, Pickhuben, from Antwerp, which has just arrived at Montreal, reports that in latitude 50° 50' she passed the burning wreck of the three-masted ship, Octavia, of South Shields, laden with coal. The crew had evidently taken to the boats. The Pickhuben brought over a large party of expelled Hebrews from Russia, who are being taken care of at the Baron de Hirsch Institute.

UNITED STATES.

The probable total yield of wheat in Michigan is estimated at 24,671,558 bushels.

Robert Williams was hanged at Pine Bluff, Ark., yesterday for the murder of Albert Hayes.

Ohio Democrats have adopted a platform which embraces a plank in favor of closer commercial relations with Canada.

Attorney-General Tabor has ordered that the body of Smiler, who was recently electrocuted, must not be exhumed.

The liabilities of the firm of Sevill Schofield, Son & Co., of Manayunk, Pa., are $1,203,000 and the assets $842,000.

A Los Angeles dispatch says that Salton Lake in the Desert continues rising. The overflow now reaches 2,000 square miles.

Daniel Norton, one of the most prominent residents of Alabama, N. Y., committed suicide by hanging. He was worth over $200,000.

The firm of Nimick & Co., dealers in pig iron at Pittsburg, Pa., is financially embarrassed. The liabilities are placed at $1,000,000.

The large gas tank of the Municipal Gas Company, Rochester, N. Y., 40 feet high, and holding 300,000 cubic feet of gas, exploded, causing two deaths and great havoc in the neighborhood.

The official statement regarding the recent electrocutions at Sing Sing has been issued by Dr. McDonald and Dr. Ward. It confirms the reports already published as to the success of the executions.

The family of H. L. Cornelius, a well-to-do farmer of Russellville, Ky., was poisoned at supper last night. Bernard Cornelius, a nephew, died before a doctor could be reached. Five others are dangerously ill.

A reporter of the Boston Traveler secured an interview with Mr. Blaine at Bar Harbor yesterday, and states that the Secretary of State has simply been suffering from overwork and nervous trouble, and that he is rapidly recovering.

During a thunder storm yesterday afternoon the old stables and sheds at the Hudson River Driving Park, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., were struck by lightning and destroyed. Mr. Howell's Dexie was badly paralyzed, and probably crippled for life. The money loss is about $30,000.

Four patients have just been discharged from the Koch Hospital at Denver, Col., as cured of consumption. This makes fourteen persons claimed to have been cured of this disease at this institution. Next week six more will be discharged, including James Dougherty, of Hamilton, Ont.

One of the heaviest dismissals of clerks that has ever taken place in the Government employ is scheduled for Aug. 1. At that time 1,000 clerks will be discharged and ten days later 300 or 400 more will be released from the Government service. They have been engaged in census work.

Albert Heintzman, a lad of 17, residing with James Elliget, his stepfather, at Adrian, Mich., deliberately suicided on Tuesday. He secured Elliget's revolver, went out to a field on the outskirts of the city and was found dead, with a bullet through the body. Unpleasant home relations are the alleged cause.

FOREIGN.

The Glasgow Weekly Citizen says Andrew Carnegie intends to settle down as a Highland laird.

The Empress of China, carrying the third around-the-world excursion party, left Liverpool yesterday afternoon at 3:30.

The French Chamber of Deputies has agreed upon the following duties upon petroleum: Raw petroleum, 18 francs; refined petroleum, 23 francs.

A Paris dispatch says: It is believed the Government has decided to accede to the request of the United States Minister to remove the embargo upon American pork.

A Sofia dispatch says: The murderers of M. Baltcheff, Minister of Finance, have been arrested. They are two students, who have confessed they were hired to do the job.

The embarkation of the Grenadier Guards at Bermuda Tuesday evening caused the greatest demonstration ever witnessed on the islands. The streets, hillsides and every available spot was crowded with spectators while the harbor was literally covered with boats. The troop ship Orontes sailed yesterday for England.

A German engineer named Sandmann has been fined 450 marks at Glatz for hypnotizing a girl named Emily Winter three times daily for a week by which treatment she was driven violently mad.

The Minister of Public Instruction has summoned Drs. Hahn and Bergmann to answer within 24 hours the charge of experimenting with cancer inoculations on hospital patients at Berlin.

Abraham Goldstein and Heinrich Handsdorf, Konigsburg merchants, have absconded with large sums of money belonging to creditors, with which they purchased bills of exchange payable in America.

The Copenhagen Harbor Board intend to construct a new port covering 55 acres, with 75,000 acres of wharves. The design is to afford a harbor free from ice in winter. The project is hoped to make Copenhagen a terminus for Atlantic and Baltic vessels.

The Italian Government has reduced by 15,000 francs each the salaries of the Italian envoys at London, Berlin, Paris, Vienna, St. Petersburg and Constantinople, and the salaries of some others by 5,000 francs each, thus effecting an annual saving of 200,000 francs.

NO HALF-WAY MEASURES.

The Ohio Democracy Want Straight-Out Reciprocity.

"If It's Good to Trade Freely with South America, Why Not with Canada and Europe?"

CLEVELAND, O., July 16.—The platform adopted by the Democratic State Convention contains the following plank:

"We favor closer commercial relations with Canada and the removal of the embarrassing and annoying restrictions, which only vex our people without yielding any substantial revenue to the Government."

Speaking before the convention upon reciprocity, Mr. Thurman said: "The time is near when the people will express their belief in complete and not restricted reciprocity. It reciprocity, which has always been a Democratic, not a Republican, doctrine, is a good thing with South America, why would it not be a better thing with

CANADA AND EUROPE,

with which our trade is a hundredfold greater than it is with South America? The time has also come when the people will say to the powers that be, 'Honest workingmen shall no longer be compelled by law to contribute a part of their hard earned savings to help maintain those who under the forms of law have robbed him for over a quarter of a century;' when they will no longer sustain any party which levies and collects one dollar of taxes over and above that which is required to wisely and economically administer the affairs of the Government; when they will give one notice that

INFANT INDUSTRIES ESTABLISHED FOR THE PAST HUNDRED YEARS

have arrived at the age when they must take care of themselves; when they will brand a protective tariff as stealing, its advocates as beggars, and demand that we must have a tariff for revenue only."

Campbell for Governor, was nominated on the first ballot.

A MIDDLESEX MAN WRECKED.

Restored After His Friends Had Mourned Him Lost for Weeks.

The Victoria Daily Times, July 7, says: Captain White and G. A. Noble, who were reported lost by the wrecking of the schooner Seagull, arrived at Departure Bay by the steamer Boscowitz yesterday. These two brave men had a very hard experience, after losing the mast out of their boat as already reported, and were six days working down Queen Charlotte's Island, but eventually, after much exposure, cold and hard toil, they reached Clew Inlet, where they were hospitably received and taken care of by Mr. Smith, manager of the oil company. After staying twenty days at Clew, the Boscowitz arrived and they at once took passage. Capt. White states he has been 28 years at sea, and twenty of that time master of vessels, and if any man had told him that an open boat could have lived in the sea he encountered while drifting to the northeast he would have doubted his sanity."

Mr. Noble is a son of Postmaster Noble, Strathroy, and brother of acting Registrar Noble, this city, and an incident of the perilous trials he has endured is the fact that Capt. McDowell, an alderman of Victoria, in whose vessel Mr. Noble returned, was an old friend from Parkhill whom he had not met for ten years.

Mr. Spurgeon's Condition.

LONDON, July 15.—Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon has suffered a relapse and is again in a very critical condition.

LONDON, July 15, midnight.—Mr. Spurgeon is reported dying.

Saved by a Boy.

OLIVET, Mich., July 15.—While crossing the mill pond Monday morning alone, Claud Wever fell out of the boat. Bertie Mills, a 13-year-old boy, heard his cry and ran to his assistance. By heroic efforts he succeeded in bringing him to shore before any other assistance came.

Destitution in Germany.

BERLIN, July 16.—The Vossiche Zeitung says: The destitution among the lower classes of Germany is becoming intense. Potatoes, the usual price of which is 1½ marks per bushel, now cost 6 marks per bushel. Bread is becoming dearer every week. Every branch of commerce is suffering and many bankruptcies are announced.

A Mountainous Iceberg.

HALIFAX, July 16.—Capt. Lynas, of the steamer Damara, from London, reports unusual weather for the season of the year. They passed two icebergs on Sunday, and on Monday, while 90 miles this side of Cape Race, the lookout discovered what he supposed to be land, but which proved to be a mountainous iceberg, right in the track of steamers bearing for Cape Race.

The Congregational Council.

LONDON, July 16.—Rev. Mr. Gooch, of Chicago, preached before the Congregational Council in the City Temple yesterday. He contended that the Pilgrim Fathers and Congregational leaders were as truly called of God as were the apostles. The general line of his argument was against the new theology and in favor of orthodox views in regard to the Bible. The church was thronged.

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FISTICUFFS AT OTTAWA.

Mr. Curran Aims a Blow at Mr. Tarte.

OTTAWA, July 15.—The talk of the lobbies is a fisticuff encounter which took place this afternoon between Mr. Tarte, the member for Montmorency, and Mr. J.J. Curran, member for Montreal Center. The origin of the quarrel was in to-day's session of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, when the order was being made for the production of Thomas McGreevy's bank books. Mr. Curran said in a very offensive way, "I think Mr. Tarte should be ordered to produce his bank books." Mr. Tarte rose and, turning to Mr. Curran, said, "If the honorable gentleman will make any charges against me on the floor of the House I will produce my bank book. I don't think the honorable gentleman could produce his bank book."

Mr. Curran—O yes, I could.

No more was said, several members calling Mr. Curran to order. Mr. Curran had reference to the allegation made before the Whelan-Pacaud Royal Commission at Quebec that Mr. Tarte had received $5,000 from Whelan. At 3:30, just after the sitting of the House had commenced, Mr. Tarte came up to Mr. Curran in the corridor and said, "Curran, why don't you bring that matter up in the House?"

Mr. Curran replied, "There's no need of that; it's a matter of record."

Mr. Tarte quickly retorted, "That's a lie."

Mr. Curran grew white and leaning forward asked, "Do you say I lie?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Tarte promptly, "you are a liar."

Mr. Curran then struck at Mr. Tarte, and the agile member from Montmorency sprang back, but quickly put up his fists and told his big opponent to come on. Mr. Curran was now white with passion and did come on with a rush, but overreaching himself his blow went over Mr. Tarte's shoulder. Mr. Tarte stood his ground and the big man's high hat went spinning along the corridor and he recoiled from the shock. Recovering himself he reached out for Mr. Tarte with his left hand and with his right was about to strike. By this time Mr. Fairbairn, the Conservative member for South Victoria, had Mr. Tarte by the back of the neck, and the Quebec journalist cried out, "Two against one is not fair." Before the Montreal Q.C. could get in his blow Mr. Aleck McKay, of Hamilton, sprang between them and held them off, one with each hand, in an admirable way. "You can't afford to hit him," said Mr. McKay to Mr. Curran, alluding, no doubt, to Curran's large size compared to the slight-built man he was assaulting. Mr. Curran was, however, wild to get at his opponent and it took four or five members from room 16 to pin him against the wall. Mr. Tarte was just as anxious to get at Mr. Curran, but Mr. Laurier came along and induced Mr. Tarte to withdraw. "You should not call a man a liar," said some one to Mr. Tarte as he walked off. Mr. Tarte replied, "I'm not afraid of him. He lives out of the public treasury and on testimonials." Mr. Curran afterwards said he did not like to strike Mr. Tarte because of his size, but he wanted to hit him just once. There are many who think that Mr. Tarte would hold his own with the burly member for Montreal Center. Mr. Tarte has undertaken a disagreeable task in impeaching men in high positions, and public sympathy will be with him in the annoyances to which he is daily subjected by Tory partisans like Messrs. Curran, Daly et al.

A Lion at Large.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., July 16.—A panic occurred at Forepaugh's circus Tuesday. There were 6,000 persons in attendance, when a lion in some manner got out of his cage, and the immense crowd rushed for the street. Fortunately no one was killed in the wild rush to escape, but several were seriously injured. The lion did not get far away from his cage, as the employes easily drove him under his wagon, where he was held by loose pieces of iron fence till the crowd could depart.

After the Culprit.

After the bridal party partook of a sumptuous banquet, a younger brother of the bride got up and said, solemnly, raising his glass:

"Ladies and gentleman, I have to propose a toast, which, however, must be drunk standing. Please take your glasses and rise up."

The guests, though somewhat bewildered did so.

"Now," said the young scape grace "if you will remain standing for a few minutes I'll find out who has been sitting on my new stovepipe hat."

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