

UNITED STATES CONGRESS SPECIAL SESSION OPENED

Great Crowds Attracted to U. S. Capital Today By Opening of First Congress Called by President Taft—Purpose of Special Session is to Enact Tariff Legislation

Washington, March 15—Precisely at noon today the extraordinary session of the seventy-first congress, called by the president for the purpose of enacting tariff legislation, began. The senate had already to its credit a brief session of the new congress, this being customary following the incoming of a new administration, in order that cabinet and other appointments might be confirmed.

GENERAL STRIKE MENACING PARIS

Paris, March 15—Paris is in suspense today concerning the likelihood of a general strike on the part of the telegraph and telephone employees in the bureau of the Post Office. All the branches of these services are involved. A general meeting to consider the situation has been called tonight at which a number of branch and subsidiary organizations will be represented.

WEST END BURGLARS FACE JUDGE FORBES

George Cole and Robert Ewing who were arrested for burglarizing W. D. Baskin's grocery store on the West side on the night of Monday, March 8th, and were sent up for trial by Police Magistrate Bickis, appeared before his honor this morning, having elected to be tried under the speedy trials act. Both pleaded guilty and after Mr. Baskin and several witnesses were heard regarding the character of the prisoners, Mr. Baskin said he did not wish to be hard on the men. His Honor in addressing the prisoners, dwelt upon the gravity of their offence, burglary at night, the penalty for which he said was fourteen years in the penitentiary.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Fredericton, March 15—(Special)—The funeral of late School Inspector D. L. Mitchell took place at Lincoln yesterday, and had a very large attendance. Rev. Thomas Stebbing of Gibson conducted an impressive service and interment was made at Lincoln. The pallbearers were A. R. Ship, M. P. P., Roy Smith, Principal Foster, A. R. Miles, Harvey True and William Patterson.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Que., March 15—(Special)—In the stock market today trading continued light. Prices were for the most part firm. Detroit was an exception on account of the franchise troubles, selling at 57. Scotia, which has recently been under attack, was apparently given support and rose to 39. Other features were Dominion Steel at 33, Preferred 112.14, Bonds 90.14, Hibernian 79, Soc. Bank 124.38, Power 111.12, Quebec 69.

WITNESSES IN DOWNIE CASE HELD IN STAINCEY'S COURT MEN WATCHING FACTORY

Charles Stevens on the Stand This Morning Said He Saw Two Suspicious Characters Watching the Simms Factory Just Before the Robbery—Case Goes to Jury This Afternoon.

Two men loitering at the corner of Union and Carmarthen streets at noon on Friday, February 19 and if so did they act suspiciously so that one could infer that they are guilty of the T. S. Simms (ray robbery) and the alleged attack on W. H. Downie.

At the Downie trial this morning (Charles Stevens, a former hall boy, Staincey's court, with emphatic assurance that he noticed two men betraying evidence of being accomplices in the alleged robbery at Jones' Brewery and gazing at the factory of the Simms concern on the opposite side of Union street and probably 50 yards away from the corner. Stevens said the men were attired in dark clothes and the doubt that exists in the minds of all in accepting all the statements of the witness is that if Stevens scrutinized the men so minutely, as he asserts, it is practically impossible that he is unable to furnish a more precise description of the two men or even one. An admission of his inaccuracy in a laundry case some time ago was extracted from him with unusual reluctance.

PROBATE COURT

Estate of William James McCordock, superintendent of dredging. Last will proved, whereby deceased gives to his sister, Elizabeth, his gold watch and chain, and all the rest of his property to his wife, Elizabeth, in the State of Vermont, his executrix, and who is sworn in as such. No real estate. Personal property \$3,000 and \$2,000. Life insurance. Estate of Emily Beattie, the mother, renounces her right to administration in favor of her son, Harold E. Beattie, who is sworn in as administrator, administrator being sought for the purpose of obtaining a warrant to which a volunteer who did service in South Africa is entitled, deceased having died since he could serve. Estate value \$200.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning, James Fitzgerald was committed for trial on the charge of stealing a beanie coat and rubber coat from George Earle. Langford Coran was remanded for wanting on the field street, and also for pilloing a portion of timber from a pile on Charlotte street. When arrested, the stick of lumber was found in his possession.

FUNERALS

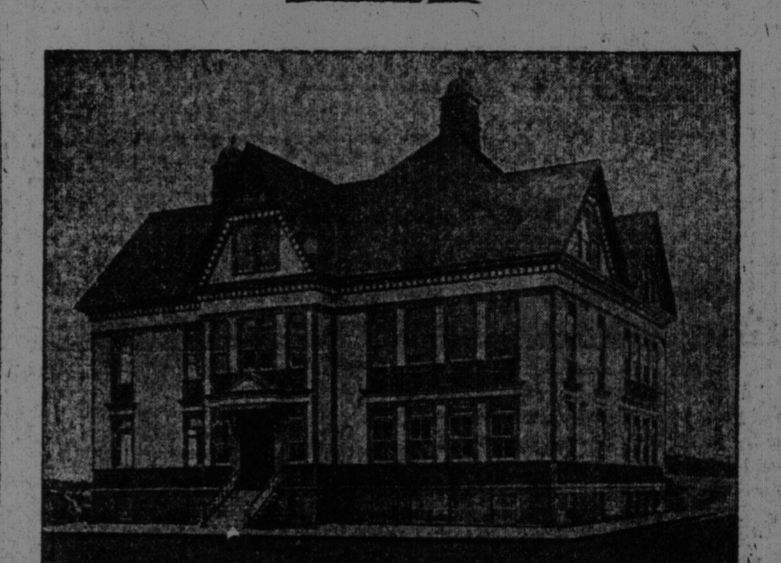
The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Davis was held from her late home, Brook street this morning at 8:30 to St. Peter's church, where requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Father Holland. Interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

FUNERALS

J. Fred Belyea, fisherman, of West Side, has been urged to appear as a candidate for Guy's ward in the approaching municipal election against Ald. W. D. Baskin. Harry G. Smith who was also mentioned as a candidate has not yet definitely decided what he will do, but he said today that if he did not run in Guy's ward he might run as alderman in large. Mr. Belyea, however, is definitely in the field.

FINE SCHOOL AT KINGSTON WAS BURNED LAST NIGHT

The Consolidated School Erected at a Cost of \$25,000 Burned to the Ground By a Fire of Mysterious Origin—Van Shed Saved But Handsome Main Building is Completely Gone



THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL AT KINGSTON.

No one was in the building at the time of the fire, the principal's residence being nearby. There were 120 pupils attending the school, being conveyed there daily in the big vans provided for that purpose. The school was a very attractive looking structure and the equipment was thoroughly modern and up-to-date. The halls were wide and the rooms airy and bright. The departments of manual training and domestic science were on the first floor. At one side was the school garden which was planted and cared for entirely by the boys.

PERSIAN TROOPS KILLED MAN WHO PILLAGE AND RUINED HIS WIFE

St. Petersburg, March 15—A despatch to the Novos Vremya from Julla, on the frontiers between Persia and Russia, says that 1,000 Persian government horsemen and 500 infantrymen are marching on Julla from the Persian bank of the Araxes River, devastating the villages in their path and shooting down the people. Already ten villages, four of them inhabited by Russian subjects, have been pillaged and burned. The troops are ruthlessly killing the defenceless peasants. Many women carrying bundles on their backs attempted to swim the Araxes to the Russian side, but they were shot down. Three hundred homeless families have taken refuge on an island in the river opposite Julla.

MINISTERS MEETINGS

The Methodist ministers met in weekly session this morning in Centenary church, from the various churches were received. A communication was received from Professor W. G. Watson, B. D., of Sackville University, setting forth the desirability of having 'sons kind of an evangelistic campaign in connection with the annual conference which meets in June at Woodstock.

LOST HIS COWS

Thomas Hannah, a milk dealer, living on the Board's Head road, lost two valuable cows. On Saturday, in the afternoon as is customary, Mr. Hannah led the cows out of the barn, when they did not return at night. No apprehension was at first felt, as they were in the habit of going to a vacant barn some distance from Mr. Hannah's home. Saturday night however, search was instituted, but no trace of the cows was found. Sunday morning searchers found one of the cows in the ice at Cedar Point Cove, about a mile distant. Although there was but three feet of water, the unfortunate animal was unable to extricate itself, and perished while the cold. It is believed that the other cow walked out on the ice towards the channel of the Narrows and broke through, and was drowned.

THE WEATHER. Moderate to fresh northwest to west winds, fine and moderately cool today and on Tuesday.