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CANADA'S HONOR AT STAKE FIELDING'S WEIRD EXPLANATION NAMES TO BE KEPT SECRET

On Behalf of Government Announces That N. A. T. Directorate Shall Not Be Revealed—The Utility of Committee Inquiries—Investigation of Marine Dept. Denied on Division.

Ottawa, May 18.—(Special.)—This afternoon was devoted to the debate upon an amendment offered by R. L. Borden to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution providing for a select committee to investigate the charge respecting supplies for the steamer Arctic. It resulted in two divisions, the government being sustained by 87 to 45. Mr. Borden's amendment sought to widen the enquiry so as to include the entire department of marine and fisheries from June 30, 1902. The debate was at times very bitter and the government was driven at last to protesting that the Borden amendment was intended as a direct attack upon the late Minister Prefontaine.

Mr. Fielding in his reply to Mr. Borden announced that the government had decided not to reveal the names of the stockholders of the North Atlantic Trading Co.

Before the orders of the day were called Sir Wilfrid Laurier called attention to the charges made in the house respecting the supplies for the Arctic. These charges involved a direct accusation of larceny. They could not be ignored, as were many statements made in the heat of argument, removed from the appointment of a special committee.

R. L. Borden expressed surprise at the narrow limits assigned to the committee. There had been a charge that not all of the supplies which the country had paid for were placed on the steamer, but many other grave offences were alleged against the department. For example, there had been in one year supplies for the department to the amount of \$405,000, purchased from a Mr. Merwin with the understanding that the sale of coal for the steamer King Edward and the extravagant prices charged for the furnishings of the department embracing all transactions of the department since June, 1902.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier declined to accept the amendment. In all of the cases mentioned there had been investigation by the public accounts committee. The particular investigation of the case in justice to the late Mr. Prefontaine. In the other cases nothing worse had been charged than mismanagement. In the case of the Arctic, the late minister of the late Mr. Fielding had been charged with deliberate larceny.

Hon. George E. Foster denounced the premier's resolution. He said that the committee before the public accounts committee for examination the same as the other cases mentioned. It was out for a special committee. It was out for a special committee. It was out for a special committee.

Mr. Fielding replied, defending the government. He said that the committee was not a select committee, but a select committee. He said that the committee was not a select committee, but a select committee.

A TRAGEDY OF THE ARCTIC



CAPTAIN LAURIER (gazing upon wreck of Cache): Alas! more of the devilish work of Tory polar bears.

LUMBER TOWNS BURNED BY IMMENSE FOREST FIRES

Many Places Already Reported Destroyed—In Wisconsin, a Track 200 Miles Square is Swept by Flames—Settlers in Peril.

Menominee, Mich., May 18.—Forest fires are raging tonight in a large area in Menominee County, having already done much damage. Taibot, with 300 population, twenty-five miles north of Menominee, was wiped out by fire this evening.

Several other villages and many farm buildings, including lumber stocks, are in danger. The wind rose rapidly during the evening and endangered Daggert Powers and other towns.

It is reported that Saunders, 300 inhabitants was burned. Quinneso, with 1000 population, is reported on fire. The station agent at Daggert at 10 o'clock wired that the fire was half a mile from town and blowing directly toward the village.

Information received at Marinette is that the village of Shaffer on the Western Railroad in Dickinson County was wiped out. Shaffer is a lumber town owned by the Cleveland Cliff Company. The village consisted of a big mill and a couple of hotels, with warehouses and headquarters for the lumber camps.

EXPLOSION, AND THEN FIRE DYNAMITE DESTROYS 20 PLACES 50 COBALT HOUSES BURNED

Bulletin Despatches Indicate a Calamity More or Less Serious—Blaze in Shack Explodes 7 1/2 Tons of Dynamite Stored Nearby.

A disaster has befallen Cobalt. Meagre despatches received last night indicate that an explosion of dynamite has been followed by a fire of more or less destructive scope.

Wire trouble has prevented details coming to hand, a despatch to The World breaking off short with the explanation that the government telegraph system connecting with the C.P.R. at North Bay was out of business.

The World's special correspondent at Cobalt sent the following bulletin: "A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE HERE AT FOUR O'CLOCK TO-DAY. A LARGE POWDER HOUSE, FILLED WITH 7 1/2 TONS OF DYNAMITE, NEAR THE NORTH END OF THE TOWN, WAS IGNITED BY A FIRE, WHICH BEGAN IN A SHACK A FEW YARDS AWAY. THE EXPLOSION WRECKED A SCORE OF HOUSES AND DESTROYED NEARLY EVERY WINDOW IN TOWN. ABOUT FIFTY HOUSES WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE, BUT IT HAS BEEN GOT UNDER CONTROL."

A G.N.W. telegraph despatch, timed 7 p.m., says: "North Bay, May 18.—Word just reached here that the Town of Cobalt was almost completely wiped out by fire. Bad explosion killed several people. No particulars." The buildings burned are probably of a shed-like construction, and the monetary loss will, therefore, be not exorbitant rates for building material and labor, which obtain in the new country.

Insurance companies, it is understood, have so far refused to take risks.

PETITION TO FREE LLOYD. Large Number of Signatures Recorded to Open Prison Doors. A largely signed petition was yesterday forwarded to the minister of justice at Ottawa asking for the release from prison of Thomas H. Lloyd, who, in December last, was committed to the Central Prison on the charge of misappropriating trust funds.

Lloyd's sentence was for six months, of which barely six months have expired. The petition is said to have been very largely signed in Newmarket. Lloyd's old home.

HE WORE A LUCKY HAT. How a San Francisco Man Outwitted and Beat the Bookies. A reporter on a city paper tells how he was once sent to the Woodbine track on the opening of a certain race and learn the names of some of the visitors from distant parts, and where they came from. He made a success of the assignment. He no sooner got into the paddock than he came across a gentleman who introduced him to two brothers, one an army officer on leave from India, the other a broker from San Francisco. The third was a well-known contractor in Dawson City, on his way north again from Ottawa. The reporter made good copy out of the group. The San Francisco man was a regular visitor to Toronto during race week, and he had a superstition that to have any luck with the ponies he must wear a certain green hat. He bought a new hat at Dineen's every time he came to the Toronto races. Whenever he lost on a race he explained: "Well, I guess that bookie has been down to the corner of Yonge and Temperance, too."

COOLER. Minimum and maximum temperatures Dawson, 40-46; Victoria, 38-40; Vancouver, 46-52; New Westminster, 46-52; Calgary, 46-52; Edmonton, 44-42; Qu'Appelle, 38-42; Winnipeg, 34-40; Fort Arthur, 38-41; Port Arthur, 38-40; Ottawa, 54-58; Montreal, 56-58; Quebec, 52-55; Halifax, 42-48.

Probabilities. Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Frogs northwesterly winds; rain and becoming much cooler.

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STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. May 18. At From LaSalle...New York...Have Campania...New York...Liverpool...Boston...Manchester...America...Plymouth...New York...Virginia...Liverpool...Montreal...Ostland...London...Boston...Plymouth...New York...Laurentian...Cape Ray...Liverpool...Victoria...Father Point...Liverpool...Englishman...Cape Ray...Liverpool...Lake Champlain...Quebec...Liverpool

THE CZAR'S REPLY.

Will Say Parliament is Trying to Infringe Royal Prerogative. St. Petersburg, May 18.—The issue of the first encounter between the monarch and the representatives of the people hangs for the minute in the balance. The representative chamber of parliament and the council of the empire adopted addresses in reply to the speech from the throne, no answer has been given to either address, and none is expected before Monday.

The imperial reply, which will be delivered thru the medium of a speech by Premier Goremykin, probably at the first session of the house after President Mourmoutseff has been received at Peterhof, will be temperate and deliberate, seeking to avoid occasion of rupture, but on the other hand not concealing the emperor's view that parliament in many respects has attempted to infringe the imperial prerogative. On these points the response will be a calm refusal.

GERMANY CLIMBING DOWN. Tagelblat Suggests That Canada Be Approached for Trade Settlement (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, May 18.—The German home office has published figures showing a great reduction of German trade by the Canadian tariff. Commenting on this, The Berlin Tagelblat suggests that Germany take the first step towards bringing about an undertaking with Canada, and states this is not to be a sign of weakness, but a proof of far-seeing commercial and political wisdom.

TORPEDO BOAT CAPSIZES. Seven of Crew of British War Craft Die—23 Are Saved. Port Said, May 18.—The British torpedo boat No. 58 capsized off this port during the night. Seven of her crew were drowned. The torpedo boat sank during a storm.

ENGLISHERS LOTS SELL. Over \$20,000 Realized at Sale Held by T. & N.O. Commission. Englehart, May 18.—(Special.)—The railway commission of the T. & N. O. had a successful sale of town lots at the present railway terminal, to which the name Englehart has been given. An excursion train reached here at 11:15 this morning, having run up from Latchford, and several hundred were on board.

Over eighty lots were sold, and \$20,000 realized. Oscar Hudson & Company, Chartered Accountants, 5 King West, N. 4786. W. Harper, Customs Broker, 5 Melinda

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