

SULPHUR BURNS ON STEAMSHIP

Narrow Escape of C. P. R.
Liner From Destruction
at Montreal

FUMES DRIVE MEN AWAY

Fire Subdued by Help of City
Brigade and the Harbor
Fire Tugs

Montreal, May 22.—A bad time was experienced on the C.P.R. steamer Montreal this evening when twenty tons of sulphur in the hold became ignited as the vessel was being unloaded.

A gang of men was unloading the inflammable material when through the heat of the day and probably friction of ropes on loose sulphur, the mass suddenly broke into blue flames. The sulphur fumes drove the men away, and at first little could be done, the captain of the vessel being overcome by the thick fumes while trying to direct the operation. The fire-fighting apparatus proved too small for the blaze, and the city brigade was called out with one of the harbor fire tugs, and it was not long before the flames were subdued.

The loss will not be heavy as the sulphur was carried in a large tank, so that the water used in extinguishing the flames did not reach any other part of the vessel, while the water would cause much damage to the unburned sulphur.

SENATOR PLATT

Veteran Legislator Gives Evidence in
His Own Case

New York, May 25.—So feeble that he had to be practically carried in and out of the courtroom, U. S. Senator Thomas C. Platt, was at times a spirited witness today when he appeared to testify in his own behalf in the case of Wood's suit for absolute divorce from him. His denial of all the charges brought in Miss Wood's suit was emphatic, and when prodded too hard on occasions by the plaintiff's counsel, the aged Senator proved himself capable of a vigorous response. Senator Platt was in the court room nearly all day, but Miss Wood did not attend either of the sessions.

The presentation of the case of the defense, aside from Senator Platt's own testimony, was marked by a sharp attack on the authenticity of the certificate of marriage which Miss Wood had offered in evidence to support her contention of a matrimonial contract with the senator. Following this, Edward Holland, now assistant janitor to the United States Express company, but in 1906 valet to the senator, called by the defense, testified to the Senator's signature on an autograph of paper to two women applicants at the Arlington Hotel in this city in 1906. The witness was shown the letter in which Senator Platt is alleged to have admitted his marriage to Miss Wood, and identified the page upon which the Senator's name was written as the paper to which the senator had affixed his signature on the occasion in question.

Senator Platt testified that he had neither married nor promised to marry the plaintiff, repudiated the signature purporting to be his on the marriage certificate, and the genuineness of several letters which Miss Wood had testified as having come to her from him.

STIRLING BY-ELECTION

Arthur Ponsonby, Liberal, Elected in
Succession to the Hon. Henry
Campbell-Bannerman

London, May 22.—The bye-election today in the Stirling district to replace the late premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, resulted in the return of Arthur Ponsonby, Liberal, who was secretary to Sir Henry, and was elected by a majority of 1,361. This and the Dundee bye-election seem to indicate that Scotland is not influenced by the bias against the Liberals, probably because the licensing and education bills do not affect Scotland. The late premier was returned by acclamation in Stirling.

For French Language.

Ottawa, May 22.—Ormond Lavergne, M. P. for Montmagny, presented to parliament yesterday a petition with 431,845 signatures, praying that all railway, telegraph and telephone companies in the province of Quebec be made to use both the English and French languages, in dealing with the public including forms for railway tickets, bills of lading, baggage checks, time tables, forms of contract, regulations and notices. The number of signatures represents twice the vote polled in the province of Quebec at the last general election. A large number are those of women.

Twenty Peasants Hanged

Kherson, Russia, May 22.—Twenty peasants who took part in recent agrarian disorders in the Yakaterinow district were hanged here today after being condemned to death by a court martial. They belong to a peasant association, the avowed object of which was to drive out landed proprietors by the burning of their estates.

Typographical Union Election

Indianapolis, Ind., May 22.—Officials at headquarters of the International Typographical union announced today that enough votes of local unions had already been received to elect a new re-election of the president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer. The official counting of the votes will begin June 1.

Blind Man's Suicide

Kingston, Ont., May 22.—Martin Powers, a blind man, living on Chatham street, drank a small vial of laudanum today and is in a critical condition. He secured the laudanum in a drug store and went home, and drank it. He was found by his wife, two years ago he drank some wood alcohol by mistake and lost the sight of his eyes.

Old Resident Dead.

Toronto, May 22.—Mrs. Mary S. Coxwell, 93 years old, one of the oldest residents of Upper Canada, is dead.

Both Legs Severed.

Hamilton, May 22.—Fred Sutton employed on a gravel train was run over last night and both legs severed. He died today. He belonged to Burlington, Ont.

Governor of Nevada Dead.

Reno, Nev., May 22.—Governor John Sparks of Nevada, who has been ill for some time, died at 9:30 this morning at his ranch near Reno. Governor Sparks' term would have expired on December 31, 1910.

Three Men Killed

Detroit, Mich., May 22.—Three men were killed and several injured this afternoon by the collapse of the Howard street bridge across the Michigan Central tracks at Twelfth and Howard streets.

The Telegraph Companies

New York, May 22.—Attorney-General Jackson's application for permission to begin suit to annul the charters of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies, on the ground that they were a monopoly in restraint of trade, was denied by the supreme court today.

Street Railway Pioneer.

Desmet, S. D., May 22.—William P. Boardman, who built the first street railway in America, died at his home here yesterday and will be buried in Binghamton, N. Y. Mr. Boardman superintended the construction of the old New York and Harlem railway, the line which now nearly corresponds with the Fourth Avenue railway. It connected the Bowery with Harlem.

TRUE BILLS RETURNED AGAINST LAMPHERE

Charged With Five Murders
and With Being Accessory in Sixth

Lafayette, Ind., May 22.—On returning true bills against Ray Lamphere today, the grand jury also indicted Mrs. Belle Guinness for the murder of Andrew Helgeson.

No warrant was issued for Mrs. Guinness, as she was declared officially dead by the verdict of the grand jury. In order to vote true bill against Lamphere as an accessory in the killing of Helgeson, it was necessary to indict Mrs. Guinness as the principal.

Pamphlets now stands charged with arson, with five murders and with being an accessory in the Helgeson murder. Separate bills are returned against Lamphere for the murder of Mrs. Guinness and her three children.

The district judge yesterday in the hearing of a human skull, which it was decided belonged to one of the bodies dug up two weeks ago; that three bodies were found in one hole, but there were only two skulls.

Woman Suffrage at Ottawa.

Ottawa, May 22.—The women suffragist meeting here last night was addressed by Ralph Smith, M. P. for Nanaimo, who cordially endorsed the movement and promised it his full support.

Hurt By Runaway Car.

Calgary, May 22.—A serious accident occurred at the Calgary Pressed Brick and Sandstone company's plant yesterday. The company has a trolley line running up the hill, down which loaded cars are sent, controlled by a cable. A loaded car weighing a ton was standing at the top of the hill when the cable broke and the car tumbled down the hill. A man was killed and several others were injured.

Brooklyn Bridge Accident

New York, May 22.—Fifteen persons were injured, four probably fatally, in a collision of trolley cars at the Manhattan end of the Brooklyn bridge. The cars were wrecked and the bridge was closed for several hours. The cars were carrying a large number of passengers.

U. S. Presbyterian Church.

Kansas City, Mo., May 22.—With the presentation of reports of general committees, the general assembly of the Presbyterian church commenced the important business of its session today. During the next week the assembly reports will be made from various parts of the world on every conceivable phase of Christian work connected with the church. Denominational unity, marriage and divorce also are important subjects to be considered.

Ruef Jury's Disagreement

San Francisco, May 22.—After being out for nearly forty-four hours the jury in the trial of Abraham Ruef, central figure in the bribery graft, prosecution against whom many indictments were returned, failed to agree on a verdict and was discharged last night by Judge Rolling. The specific charge against Ruef in the trial just closed was the offer of a bribe of \$10,000 to former supervisor Jennings Phillips to influence him to agree on a verdict connected with a franchise applied for by the Pacific Realty company. The jury stood six to six on the verdict.

Charged With Theft

Medicine Hat, Alb., May 22.—P. R. Fraser, an employee of the C. P. R., who was arrested last week on suspicion of being connected with a series of petty thefts, was committed for trial on Monday on a charge of false pretenses, having purchased four pounds of butter and ordered it to be charged to caboose 3015, which is loaded with mail. Fraser was charged with the theft of \$100.00 from the caboose. He was also charged with the theft of \$100.00 from the caboose. He was also charged with the theft of \$100.00 from the caboose.

FIRST ACCIDENT FOR THE FLEET

Two Men of Battleship New
Jersey Are Killed at Bell-
ingham

RUN OVER BY STREET CAR

Sound City Organizes Great
Demonstration in Honor
of Fleet

Bellingham, Wash., May 22.—The first serious accident attending the cruise of the battleship New Jersey, which was here today, occurred here this evening, and resulted in the instant death of J. J. Staub, a seaman on the New Jersey, and a sailor on the battleship.

The accident occurred on the same vessel, and light-weight boxing champion of the navy, who was killed by a street car. Three other men were slightly hurt. The street cars between the city and the amusement park at Lake Whatcombs were heavily patronized by the blue-jackets, and a crowd was riding on the front of a car entering the city. The tender broke, Staub was out in two, Lullink lost both legs. The bodies were moved to the battleship, and will be taken to the navy yard at Bremerton for burial.

The electric illumination of the New Jersey coast on receipt of the news, and the ship got into mourning.

The accident, however, hardly dampened the enthusiasm of the blue-jackets, and the hundreds of visitors to the city, which is still in fête. Thirty-five hundred sailors and marines, with three hundred and twenty bands, paraded the principal streets in the forenoon. Rear-Admiral Sperry and the officers of the fleet riding in autos. Dinners, dances and amusements were given at the clubs this evening, with theatres and amusement parks, wrestling and sparring matches for the sailors.

For South African Heroes

Kingston, Ont., May 22.—A resolution urging that a site be dedicated by the Prince of Wales upon Quebec Heights where the victorious British troops landed in 1900, and a permanent monument to the heroes in the South African war, was adopted by the city council today.

Compensation for Injuries

Lethbridge, Alta., May 22.—In the supreme court yesterday, Mr. Justice Scott presiding, the jury awarded Joseph Tinsley, of Taber, \$12,150.30 damages for injuries sustained when he was run over by a street car.

Charged With Letter Stealing

Port William, Ont., May 22.—After an absence of several years, Andrew Kasak returned to Keeweenaw today charged with stealing a letter belonging to the postal department, from a box at Port William, N. B., in 1900. Charges of forgery and obtaining money under false pretences will also be laid.

RECORDS ARE BROKEN BY GIANT CUNARD

Lusitania Covers Long Atlantic
Course in Shortest
Time

Liverpool, May 22.—The Cunard company announces that the Lusitania's time from Daunt's Rock to Sandy Hook was 12 hours and 22 minutes. The total distance is 2,889 miles and the average speed maintained 24.53 knots an hour.

New York, May 22.—The transatlantic records for a voyage of average speed and for the shortest trip over the Atlantic course, which was made by the Cunard liner Lusitania, which arrived here today. The big ship anchored off Sandy Hook yesterday in a heavy fog at 2:55 this morning. Just four days, 20 hours and 22 minutes after she passed Daunt's Rock. This beats the best previous time for the long course, made by her sister ship the Mauretania, by three hours and 37 minutes, and is one hour and 41 minutes longer than the Lusitania's record of four days, 18 hours and 40 minutes over the short course.

The Lusitania's average speed for the voyage was 23.88 knots, and this time goes far towards securing for her owners the British Mail subsidy of \$750,000, promised when the Lusitania shall have averaged 24.50 knots per hour or better for a round trip passage.

American Car Goes On.

Vladivostok, May 22.—The American car in the New York to Paris auto race left today. The military government has given instructions to the Cosacks and the village authorities to afford the car every assistance.

Black Hand Letter Writer.

Montreal, May 22.—It is understood that the case against Iva Edrado, the Italian committed to stand trial at court of King's Bench next month on the charge of sending threatening letters to Madame Foret, is being dropped, and the accused deported to Italy.

Ship Subsidies Knocked Out

Washington, May 22.—Practically all subsidy of ship subsidies was abandoned today when the house rejected the conference report on the postoffice appropriation bill. The bill was sent back to conference, and there is little prospect that the house will yield to the senate. By a strict party vote of 160 to 135, a campaign contribution bill, which with an amendment providing for a reduction of representation in the house from the southern tier, was passed. The Democrats voted against the bill because of the amendment.

Enters G.T.P. Service.

Ottawa, May 22.—Guy C. Dunn, an engineer on the Intercolonial in New Brunswick, will, it is said, enter the service of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Death of Librarian Balm.

Toronto, May 22.—James Balm, librarian of the Toronto public library, died at his home this afternoon, of jaundice.

Killed by Falling Clay.

Toronto, May 22.—Emerson Bena, car was killed this afternoon in a brickyard by a mass of clay falling on him.

Tobacco Trust Trial

New York, May 22.—The arguments in the government's suit against the so-called tobacco trust were concluded today. The judges took briefs from the attorneys and reserved decision.

Bank Manager Promoted.

Red Deer, Alb., May 22.—E. A. Molson, who for some considerable time has been manager of the Merchants' bank here has been promoted to the management of the bank at Calgary.

Received 13,000 Volts

Schenectady, N. Y., May 22.—Calvin Schenck, an expert experimenter, accidentally came in contact with a switch in the testing department of the General Electric company today and received a shock of over 13,000 volts. He died in a few minutes.

Fatal Explosion in Paris

Paris, May 22.—Two persons lost their lives and forty-two were injured as the result of an explosion tonight in the grinding room of the Say sugar refinery shortly after work started this morning. The refinery occupies a seven-story building near the Orleans railway depot.

THIRD ARBITRATOR IS HARD TO SECURE

No Settlement Yet of Strike in
Cleveland—Work of Dynamiters

Cleveland, May 22.—After laboring all day trying to agree upon the obstacles which stood between peace and work in the street railway strike, the board of arbitrators declined to act as a third arbitrator. The two sides were unable to agree on a third arbitrator.

The near approach of peace in the street railway strike was prevented by dynamiters from following out their usual operations last night, no less than the strike being managed, while several persons received injuries. The most serious outrage was the blowing up of a car carrying passengers, at the corner of Euclid and West 116th street. The car was wrecked and two of the ten passengers were injured. A section of the track five feet long was blown away. Several other cars were derailed and several persons were injured. Since day-light this morning a disorder of any kind has been reported.

UPHOLDS NAVY

Retired American Admiral Thinks It
Useful as Argument of
Peace

Lake Mohawk, N. Y., May 22.—At the concluding session of the Lake Mohawk conference on international arbitration tonight, the principal speaker was Rear Admiral Beuch E. Chadwick, United States Navy, retired.

"The Navy," he said, "has no apologies to make to a certain class of minds either for its existence or its activities. The greatest single force in the support of law and order today in the world is naval. I can recall no case where a naval officer or of any army officer taken of his own initiative while he has brought to his diplomacy has always been a display of wisdom. There is no crying peace where there is no peace. The world moves from plane to plane by the sword, and the sword is the only peace. We are now rapidly approaching another convulsive period. There is a certain peace, but it is a peace of adjustment. Shall this be bloody or peaceful? The army and navy are the great arms of conservation. When you stir arrange revolutions by academic discussion you may perhaps do without them, but as yet, I can see no signs of such an outcome."

PAPER MAKERS

Western Manufacturers Give Testimony Before Washington Investigating Committee

Washington, May 22.—Western manufacturers of news print paper presented their side of the controversy today before the special committee of the house investigating the wood pulp and paper question. A number of the manufacturers were members of the general paper company which was dissolved by order of the court and they testified that since that dissolution there had been no agreement among papermakers as to price, division of territory, etc.

Charles I. McNair, of Glaguel, Maine, manager of the Northwest Paper company was the first to take the stand. He testified that he had refused to renew contracts to papers by stating that these papers desired to renew contracts for too long a period in advance, which was contrary to the policy of the Northwest company. He said his company had no agreement with other companies regarding the fixing of prices or securing of contracts for certain mills.

HARBOTTLE'S TRIAL

Preliminary Examination at Edmonton on Charge of Misappropriation of Funds

Edmonton, May 22.—The preliminary trial of N. P. Harbottle, late collector of inland revenue for Edmonton, charged with misappropriation of funds of the inland revenue department, came on before Inspector Worsley at the mounted police barracks this morning.

The evidence of only one witness was taken. X. Saucier, collector of inland revenue at Calgary. He found collections for duties not entered properly at Edmonton, and the money was forwarded to Ottawa, and the money was missing. This concluded the evidence and the prisoner was remanded for trial at the next sitting of the district court. Harbottle was admitted to bail in the sum of \$20,000.

Aldrich Currency Resolution

Washington, May 22.—The House committee on banking and currency today voted by a substantial majority to recommend the passage of the Aldrich joint resolution, creating a currency commission, which passed the senate yesterday.

Claim Large Estate.

Toronto, May 21.—A number of people, who claim to be heirs of the Earl of Northridge, worth \$2,000,000, held a meeting here at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Jones, 218 Euclid avenue. The eldest son of William Northridge of Grantham, England, quarrelled with his father and came out to Canada, entering business at Montreal. One of those who met here is Hon. G. N. Northridge, of Marquette, Wis., who is a grandson of the man who went into business in Montreal.

WANTS RULING ON QUESTION

International Steamship Co.
Writes to Collector New-
bury for Rule

AS TO THE COASTING LAWS

Wants to Know if Carriage of
Passengers to Vancouver
via Seattle is Legal

The latest move in the rate war on the Victoria-Seattle route the announcement of a dock through rate, Vancouver from Victoria by way of Seattle by the International steamship company is still deferred. The local agents of the company, Mr. James McArthur, has addressed a letter to J. C. Newbury, collector of customs, asking for a ruling on the point raised as to the legality of the United States steamships carrying passengers from Victoria to Vancouver, transferring them from one steamer to the other at Seattle. It has been suggested that this is an infraction of the coasting regulations. The question has been referred to Ottawa for decision.

The decision given by Judge Hanford that the C.P.R. or other Canadian steamers were permitted to book passengers to Skagway and other Alaskan ports for Seattle and land them at a British Columbia port for transfer to a steamer bound to Seattle or other U. S. ports is being negated by a bill introduced before the United States Senate by Senator Piles from Seattle. A dispatch from Washington says a bill is being introduced by the senator from the Sound which prohibits foreign steamship companies from engaging in passenger trade in Puget Sound between Puget Sound and Alaska.

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