

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN N. B., AUGUST 10, 1901.

HORRIBLE SIGHT; NEGRO BURNED AT STAKE FOR CRIME

Cursed His Executioners When Agonized Pleas for Mercy Availled Nothing.

CONFESSED HIS CRIME.

Was Captured by Posse With Bloodhounds -- Bound to Iron Pipe With Chains, Oil and Fire Were Applied, and He Died in Sight of 500 People, With Awful agony.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 7.—John Wesley Pennington, a negro, was burned at the stake near Enterprise, Ala., before a crowd of 500 enraged and determined residents of Coffee county, this morning. The mob was composed of both whites and blacks and, though the suffering man pleaded for mercy and frantically endeavored to break the chains that bound him, not a trace of sympathy was shown. Pennington had committed a brutal assault upon Mrs. J. C. Davis, wife of one of the most prominent farmers of Coffee county, and had confessed his guilt. The crime was committed Tuesday afternoon. A large posse was organized, with bloodhounds, and captured the negro in a swamp. He was bound and taken to the Davis home for identification. When the posse arrived this morning with Pennington; at least 500 persons were gathered near the Davis residence. Mrs. Davis recognized her assailant and the negro admitted the assault and pleaded for mercy, but he was dragged to the woods nearby. An iron pipe was driven in the ground. Around this brushwood was piled. When the negro saw his doom he screamed with terror and fell in a faint. He was revived and dragged to the stake, but had to be held up while the chains were fastened around his neck and body. A match was applied to the pile and with oil to feed upon the flame soon burst into a roar. The terrified negro again and again pleaded for mercy in agonizing tones and prayed to God that those around him might perish. He then called upon his maker for forgiveness and as the flames leaped up and encircled his neck nothing could be seen but the writing motion in the circle of fire. The oil burnt out and the flames subsided sufficiently to show that Pennington's head had fallen forward and hung limp over the iron chain. His body was quickly consumed and the crowd dispersed.

Catholic Total Abstinence Union.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 7.—Three hundred delegates, representing many states east of the Mississippi, attended the opening session today of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America. An eloquent sermon was delivered by Rev. Thos. F. Burke, C. I. P., of New York, who welcomed the delegates with powerful arguments in behalf of the temperance organization. At the afternoon session Rev. D. F. McGillicuddy, president of the union, occupied the chair.

Quebec's Shipping Representatives.

Quebec, Aug. 7.—(Special)—Hon. John Shepley and Felix Chabry were unanimously re-elected at a meeting of the Quebec harbor commission today to represent the shipping interests of the port for the ensuing three years.

Not Drowned, But a Deserter.

Kingston, Ont., Aug. 7.—(Special)—Bombardier McNally, who deserted some months ago from the 1st Battalion and was reported drowned, has given himself up to the military authorities. He will be court-martialed.

Over a Million for Charity.

London, Aug. 8.—Under the will of the late James Tolman, of London, the sum of £200,000 is bequeathed to charity and the executors are given an absolutely free hand in its distribution.

Hon. Mr. Tarte to Montreal.

Montreal, Aug. 7.—(Special)—Hon. J. I. Tarte has written the board of harbor commissioners, pointing out the necessity for having complete terminal facilities for Montreal, asking the harbor engineers to prepare plans and that nothing in the undertaking be allowed to interfere with that idea.

An Honor for Carnegie.

London, Aug. 7.—The Exchange Telegraph Company says that Andrew Carnegie has been invited to become Lord Rector of the University of Aberdeen in succession to Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal.

Chatham's well known Barber, T. N. Murphy, writes June 22, 1900. "I can cheerfully recommend Bentley's Liniment, which I find is better than any other." The largest bottle in the lot is Bentley's Liniment, 25c. size.

The Southern Troubles.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Consul Ogden, at Panama, today cabled the state department the following: "Liberals determined for one hour passenger train at Matanzas this morning; captured some government officials; no looting; no damage."

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TRYING TO SAVE GEORGE O'BRIEN WHO WASTO HANG

Application to Department of Justice in Behalf of Yukon Murderer.

PLANS FOR ROYALTY.

Lady Minto Wants 7,000 Children to Sing -- Alderman Objects to \$10,000 for Expenditure -- Revised Lists of Voters for York County Are Ready.

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—(Special)—Messrs. Chrysler and Bethune, of Ottawa, have applied to the department of justice to be heard tomorrow in the case of George O'Brien, sentenced to be hanged at Dawson City, on the 22nd inst., for murder. They are representing Mr. Beecher, of Dawson, who was O'Brien's counsel at the trial. They will ask, probably, for a new trial and if that is refused they will urge for commutation. Neither will likely be granted. O'Brien's case is one of the worst that has come before the department for some time.

D. A. Gilchrist, professor of agriculture in Reading College, England, is here on his way to the coast. He came to Canada with Hon. Mr. Fisher and will visit the experimental farms and obtain all the information he can during his stay in respect to the country, so that he will be able to reply to questions from his students, who intend going to Canada, respecting this country.

The will of the late Patrick Baskerville, ex-M. P. P., was probated today. The estate is valued at \$130,000. Of this \$10,000 goes to St. Patrick's asylum, \$400 to St. Vincent De Paul Society, Good Shepherd, \$200, and St. Joseph's Orphanage, \$500.

Before Lady Minto left the city she suggested that when the statue of Queen Victoria is unveiled by the Duke of York all the school children of the city should be present. Lady Minto thinks the idea produced by the assembling of between 7,000 or 8,000 children around the statue would be appreciated by the duke.

James Gallagher died at St. Luke's hospital about 4 o'clock this morning as the result of injuries sustained by falling under a train at the car station at South Indian about 11 o'clock last night. Gallagher was badly mangled by the wheels. His left arm was completely severed from the body at the shoulder. His back was badly cut and bruised and he sustained internal injuries. Deceased was the son of the late Michael Gallagher, fruit dealer, Byward street.

Ald. Lewis is talking of taking out an injunction against the city paying over the grant of \$10,000 for the reception to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. The militia department does not think there will be any interference with the programme for the military review on account of the death of the Empress Frederick.

The revised voters' lists for York, New Brunswick, are ready for distribution. It will be necessary to have new lists for the York and Lisgar before an election. Speaker Brodeur has issued his warrant to the clerk of the crown in chancery for an election at Lisgar. Writs are not likely to be issued for some time yet.

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—(Special)—The railway mail clerks running on the Canadian Pacific railway west of Ottawa have united in a petition to the minister of labor, Hon. Mr. Mulock, asking that he interpose himself towards bringing the trackmen's strike to a conclusion.

The petition says that the mail clerks do not wish to be interfering in the strike, as a strike, but they feel that as a result of the strike the tracks have become unsafe for travel, and that they, as mail clerks, are vitally interested.

The petition asks the minister of labor to use his good offices toward a settlement of the strike. The petition was signed by about 15 clerks, and was forwarded yesterday.

Major General O'Grady-Haly has donated a cup for competition at the D. R. A. meeting. The cup will be given for the highest aggregate in the Borden and Kirkpatrick matches, both of which are shot under service conditions. The O'Grady-Haly cup competition will be open to members of the active militia only.

Several Killed by Blast.

Winnipeg, Aug. 6.—(Special)—The report comes from Port Arthur saying that three men were killed and several injured by an unexpected explosion of a blast in a rock cutting on the Canadian Northern construction near Sturgeon Falls.

HON. MR. FISHER'S HOME AGAIN FROM ENGLAND

Did Much Work in Connection With Canada's Agricultural Trade.

ABOUT OUR CATTLE.

Had Interviews With Mr. Joseph Chamberlain on This Matter; Also Talk With Lord Roberts, and Horses Will Be Bought Here--The Hay Business.

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—(Special)—Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, who has been in England for several weeks, returned to Ottawa today. While in England he did a great deal of work in connection with Canada's agricultural trade with the motherland.

Mr. Fisher had a number of interviews with Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and others with respect to the laws against Canadian cattle. He points out that since 1896 the situation in regard to the schedule upon our cattle has changed. There is no longer a schedule list in Britain. Now no cattle from any country except Canada and the United States are allowed to land for slaughter. Change has also been made in the interpretation of the law and the feeling of farmers and stock owners is so strong on account of fear of the importation of diseased animals that an amending law cannot be passed.

It was claimed that practically the law as it stands was a reflection upon the health of Canadian cattle, but Mr. Fisher did not agree with this, pointing out that the only reason for the existing law was the fear of the entry of diseased animals and that it was clear they thought there was danger. The British authorities said Canada and the United States were better off than any other countries and secured that there should be no complaint.

Mr. Fisher had an interview with Lord Roberts in regard to the purchase of remounts in Canada for the British army. He also saw the war office committee charged with the investigation of the subject of sources of supply. He pointed out the many advantages of the purchase of remounts in Canada. All seemed to be favorably impressed. The committee's report on the subject presented by Mr. Fisher thinks the prospects are good for the purchase in Canada of a fair proportion of the horses required by the army. The public generally in regard to the demand for horses is much greater than it really is. Previous to the Boer war the demand was only 2,500 horses per year. However, since the outbreak of the war the demand has been largely increased and probably doubled.

Mr. Fisher had a discussion with the imperial authorities with regard to Canada's adherence to the Berne convention with respect to patent trade marks and designs. There was a difference of opinion between the Canadian and imperial governments in regard to the steps Canada should take with regard to becoming an adherent of the convention, but after a personal discussion this has been cleared up. Legislation by the Dominion parliament will be necessary in this connection.

Mr. Fisher bought a number of fine cars for experimental farms. He secured large additional orders for hay or South Africa from the war office. By means of this, all the old hay in Canada of suitable quality will be cleared up and exported in September. Orders were taken for the hay it was considered could be secured in Canada. New hay of course will not be in the market until next year.

Mr. Fisher visited the Glasgow fair and describes it as a great financial success.

WEALTHY NEW YORKERS BEING SEARCHED FOR.

Party of Capitalists Out in Small Boat at Cape D'Or Are Missing.

Advocate, N. S., Aug. 6.—(Special)—A party of New York capitalists, inspecting recently developed ore on the property of the Colonial Copper Company at Cape D'Or, left Horse Shoe Cove yesterday afternoon in a small boat to visit copper ledges under the cliff east of this place, expecting to return in an hour or two. Nothing has since been heard of them, and fears are entertained for their safety. A searching party is out on a tug endeavoring to find trace of them. T. A. Godding and W. E. Hart, of New York, are in the party.

One Man Got \$50,000 Worth.

Fort Sill, O. T., Aug. 6.—John Wood, of Weatherford, Oklahoma, who drew No. 1 in the Lawson land district, created a sensation at the land office today, when, in filing for his claim, he chose 160 acres running the entire length of the town site on the south. According to the government plan the two most valuable sections in the whole reservation were made to adjoin the town site on the south. Miss Mattie Beals, who had drawn No. 2 from the wheel, had to content herself with a tract south of Wood's and two sections away from the town site. Wood's claim is valued at \$50,000.

CROPS RUINED; TIMBER BURNED; PEOPLE SUFFER.

Northumberland County Conditions Bad Because of Forest Fires and Sun.

FIRES STILL RAGING.

They Surround Chatham--Harrowing Reports from Crops--No Pasture for Cattle, and They Are Roaming Hungry--Few Armfuls Constitute Some Hay Crops.

Chatham, N. B., Aug. 6.—(Special)—The country of Northumberland is a most serious outlook for the future. Northumberland county farmers, and, in fact, people generally. There has been practically not a day's rain since the end of May, and the crops of hay, oats, wheat and garden produce are a complete failure compared with former years.

Harrowing reports come from the lower end of the county as to the drought. People who formerly raised enough feed for their cattle during the winter have actually carried in their hay crop in a few arm-loads. Those who were more fortunate with their crops were only so to lose them during the summer. Hundreds of dollars worth of hay, grain, etc., were destroyed by these fires, and the poor farmers are almost distracted. Throughout the county there is no pasture for the cattle, the grass being burned brown, and cattle are roaming about in a hungry and pitiful manner, while some are housed and being fed on hay that is intended for the winter's use.

The forest fires are still raging throughout the county and all around Chatham. Last evening the smoke was so dense in town that it was suffocating. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of lumber lands are being destroyed, as well as farm houses and crops.

AMERICAN VIEW OF LOCAL SMALLPOX.

Maine Board of Health Investigating the Situation on New Brunswick Border.

Augusta, Me., Aug. 6.—Dr. A. G. Young, secretary of the state board of health, returned today from a trip to Arcoochee county, New Brunswick, to investigate the reported danger of the spread of smallpox across the New Brunswick boundary, and to take the necessary precautions. He found that the New Brunswick authorities have established quite an efficient system of quarantine.

There were many apprehensions from the fact that a camp meeting was opened at Blaire, which is annually attended by great numbers of people from the districts which are now infected, but Dr. Young found that not one person from those sections was known to be present. Just how many cases of smallpox exist along the border is unknown, but there are believed to be many and the people of Northern New Brunswick are alarmed.

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ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOY DROWNED AT ANNAPOLIS.

Bathing With Companions, All Got Beyond Their Depth--The Others Rescued.

Annapolis, N. S., Aug. 6.—(Special)—The community was shocked this afternoon to learn that Edwin, the bright 11-year-old son of Mrs. E. W. Potter, had lost his life by drowning. Edwin, in company with several companions, had gone into the river to bathe, and, getting beyond their depth, it was with difficulty that some of them reached the shore. They made heroic efforts to save their companion, but without success, until the boy's father, from the shore, where he sank. It is a curious coincidence that some 10 years ago the boy's father was accidentally drowned here on the same spot. The sympathy of the community goes out to the mother, who is almost distracted by the sad occurrence, in her bereavement. The body has not yet been recovered.

Pope Receives Gift of Mummy.

New York, Aug. 6.—A special cable to the Journal from Rome says that Pope Leo XIII has just received as a gift a mummy, a high priestess of Isis at Thebes, according to the papyri, by which it is venerated. It was presented by the khedive. The low state of their spirits, previous to entering the camps has increased the death rate.

BRITISH FIND IMPORTANT BOER PAPERS

Were in the Pockets of Boer Killed for Shooting of a Peace Envoy.

WITHDRAWING TROOPS.

The Story That Government Intends to Take 40,000 Men from South Africa, and That Most if Not All Will Be Sent to India--The Daily Mail Case.

London, Aug. 7.—The Times, giving prominence today to the announcement that Lieut. General Neville G. Lytton will accompany Lord Milner on his return to South Africa Saturday, says this possibility means that General Lytton is to replace Lord Kitchener, who will take a rest.

London, Aug. 6.—The government now avows its intention to withdraw 40,000 men from South Africa. This announcement despite the fact of the improvement of the military situation as against the Boers is inferred in this country that the government will be brought home, but the present intention is to send the greater part, if not all of the troops, to India.

Nothing has happened during the present week regarding the crisis in India and Afghanistan, but there is reason to believe that the government entertains stronger hopes than a fortnight ago that a struggle will be averted.

London, Aug. 6.—There were persistent rumors, which events tend to discredit, all this week, of a withdrawal by the government of trouble in India. But the foreign office has remained calm and delightfully cool even on the warmest day, and the rumors which could be spared from the routine of ordinary work have departed for the seaside or the continent to enjoy the summer.

One of the rumors was that the Amer of Afghanistan was dangerously, perhaps fatally, ill, and it was feared that his death would be specially followed by an uprising, and the overflow of armed Afghans through the passes into India, where there are too few British troops now to check the movement. The American has been a crafty and not altogether trustworthy ally. But he has never been thought too friendly to the Russians, and the British have found him fairly manageable.

Another and much more circumstantial report was that Abdurhaman Khan, so far from being a peace envoy, had become fractious and aggressive, that the uprising was an accomplished fact under his leadership, and that the invasion was imminent.

These alleged circumstances, it was said, accounted somewhat for the wrath of the right Hon. Mr. St. John Brodrick over the premature publication of the fact that 40,000 troops were immediately to be removed from South Africa. These troops, commanded by Lord Kitchener himself, were to go to India, hence the severe punishment intended to be inflicted on the Daily Mail for the publication of the news after the fact. The commandant in parliament, Mr. Balfour, vainly tried to check, and which led to nothing at all unless the awful story that Mr. Alfred Harmsworth has resigned from the Carlton Club is true.

Bloemfontein, Aug. 5.—Commandant Fromeman, son of Commandant Fromeman, who is alleged to have been peace envoy named Morgendael, has been killed near Winburg, after an exciting chase. Most important papers were found in his pockets. The British have captured a large convoy of 70 wagons near Boshof, Orange River Colony.

Montreal, with other peace envoys, according to the story told by an influential burgher at Bloemfontein, in February of this year, went to General De Wet's camp, where they remained for some time with a cart until the mules belonging to the camp were broken. The Boers were breaking camp one morning in anticipation of a Boer attack. Commandant Fromeman asked the envoys why they had not harnessed their mules. Morgendael replied that they had been ordered to wait for the mules, whereupon the commandant withheld Morgendael on the head and face, and said he felt inclined to shoot him. General De Wet coming up at that moment, said: "Why don't you shoot him?" At that Fromeman fired at the envoy, who died from the wound. Muelles, another envoy, was also wounded. Andries Wessels, a third member of the peace delegation, was shot at Klipfontein on Jan. 28, by order of General De Wet.

London, Aug. 7.—Lord Kitchener telegraphs the war office from Pretoria as follows: "Since July 29 the columns reported 48 Boers killed, 10 wounded, 220 prisoners taken, and 37 burghers surrendered. One pompano, 141 rifles, 8,000 rounds of small arm ammunition, 182 wagons and a large number of horses and stock were captured. The casualties on our side are included in all that were reported separately during the past week.

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Ship Carpenter Has Neck Broken.

Bath, Me., Aug. 6.—Morton M. Sanford, a ship carpenter, fell into the hold of the six-masted schooner, Eleanor A. Percy, here today, and was instantly killed. His neck was broken. Sanford was 54 years of age and is survived by a widow, one son and one daughter.

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FUNERAL SERVICES OF EMPRESS FREDERICK.

By Her Wish, Will Be Simple As Possible--The Arrangements.

Cronberg, Aug. 6.—In accordance with the expressed wishes of the deceased, the funeral services will be as simple as possible under the circumstances. The body will remain on the bed until ready for the coffin. Many of the roses, in which it is almost buried, are from bushes cultivated with her own hands. No one will be allowed to view it except the members of the immediate family and household.

The following announcement is made: "On Thursday the royal family will attend the funeral service in the cathedral, at which the bishop of Ripon, who was summoned by the emperor, will officiate. Only the immediate family will be present. "Saturday evening the coffin will be escorted from Friedrichsruh to the Protestant church in Cronberg by a torchlight procession, followed by the royal family on foot. "Sunday afternoon a funeral service will be held in the presence of the family of the empress, her household and a few of her friends, and other privileged persons. "The royal family will go to Potsdam Sunday evening, and the body will be taken there Monday evening. "The funeral service in the Mausoleum at Friedrichsruh Potsdam, will be held Tuesday. As it was the empress' wish that there should be no state ceremony, the service will not be attended by all the German royal personages. It will be as simple as possible."

BRITISH COMMONS ON SOUTH AFRICAN GRANT.

Chamberlain Speaks on Aid to Transvaal and Orange River Colonies.

London, Aug. 7.—The House of Commons last night discussed a vote of £20,000, 000 as a grant in aid of the Transvaal and Orange River colonies. Mr. Chamberlain said the government's first duty was to the loyalist refugees and he declared that money would not be spared for that purpose. He continued: "One million of the vote is for extra rolling stock. A large sum will be devoted to reinstating the Boers on their farms and an experiment will be made in the direction of agricultural settlements. "There is no intention of confiscation. We have had offers of land at reasonable prices and a portion of the vote will be devoted to the purchase of such land with a view of enabling men who volunteered for the war to settle where the war is over."

NOVA SCOTIAN TOOK LIFE BY DROWNING.

Jacob E. Purdy Found Head Foremost in Unfused Well.

Amherst, N. S., Aug. 6.—(Special)—A special to Amherst from Westchester, this county, states that Jacob E. Purdy had committed suicide on Sunday at his father's home. Deceased was 54 years of age, son of Gabriel Purdy, of Westchester, unmarried, and resided with his father. He had been depressed for some years. On Sunday afternoon he left home, and as he did not return search was made and his body was found, head foremost, in the well. Life being extinct, Coroner Sanford today held an inquest, the verdict being that deceased had drowned himself.

BRIDE OF A FEW WEEKS A WOULD-BE SUICIDE.

Attempted Drowning But Was Rescued--Refuses to Take Stimulants.

Guilford, Me., Aug. 6.—Mrs. Goo. W. Sanford, a bride of five weeks, aged 50 years, attempted to commit suicide by drowning here today, but was rescued by the water and her recovery. She refused to take stimulants, however, and her condition is critical. Mrs. Sanford left her home late this morning and went to the cemetery. Just after noon one of the workmen in a saw mill across the river heard a splash and saw the woman struggling in the water. He sprang into the river and swam across in time to take the woman, still alive, to the shore. She was taken to her home but refused to take stimulants prescribed by a physician, and late this afternoon her condition was critical. The cause of the woman's act is unknown.

Army Remounts for English War Office.

A purchasing commission will visit New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia after the middle of August next, for the purpose of purchasing remounts. Horses from 14.2 to 15.2 1-2. Ages from 5 to 9 years. All horses shown will have to be ridden. Dates will be fixed hereafter. E. F. DENY, Lieut.-Col., Remount Officer, Canada.