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VERONICA SLAYERS FOUND GUILTY AND CONDEMNED TO DIE.

Rau, Monson and Smith to Answer to British Justice for Seven Murders.

Wm Thomson & Co. Receive Cable Message Giving Result of Trial of Mutineers on St. John Bark--One of the Worst Stories of Crime in the Annals of Modern Merchant Marine--Murders Capped by the Burning of the Ship.

A cable received Thursday from Liverpool by Wm. Thomson & Co. says the three men of the St. John bark Veronica who have been on trial for the murder of Captain Shaw and six of his crew were found guilty yesterday and sentenced to death. They are Gustav Rau, Otto Monson and Wm. Smith.

The horrible chain of murders which followed the outbreak of the mutiny on the "Veronica" last make one of the worst tales of crime recorded in the annals of the modern merchant marine. The ship was a bark of 12 men all told, of them Captain Shaw a P. E. Islander the Veronica was burned at sea, seven of her crew were brutally murdered by their fellows and the remaining three reached Liverpool--three to go in the barker's dock and be condemned to die, the other two to give king's evidence.

On Dec. 10 Rau directed that Captain Shaw and Mate Abrahamson be killed. They were let out and Abrahamson was shot by Smith and the captain by Rau. The captain had begged for his life that he might see his wife and child again, but there was no pity.

Winnipeg, May 14--(Special)--Word reached the city today of terrific forest fires raging on both sides of Lake Winnipeg. District on fire covers 500 miles in length and thousands of acres of valuable timber lands, chiefly the property of the lumber government have been destroyed. The loss of personal property is also

GAMEY WON'T TELL ABOUT BANK SLIPS.

Mr. Stratton's Accuser Afraid of Incriminating Himself.

DISPUTES HIS PARTNER.

Member for Manitoulin Says Crossin's Wrong--He Borrowed \$1200 from Frank Sullivan--Testimony to Finish This Week, and Argument Thursday.

Toronto, May 14--(Special)--At the opening of the Gamay inquiry today it was announced the examination of the Ontario bank's books had narrowed down to two cheques and information as to these will be furnished at once. It was decided to have the argument commenced next Thursday.

Mr. Stratton in reply to a question that it was not the intention of the prosecution to call Gamay again, the member for Manitoulin was called by the commissioners. Questioned, he said he had only a small note book to assist him in preparing the statement he made in the house, with some letters. He had no diary, absolutely no one assisted him in preparing the statement, and J. R. McGregor was the only person who read it before he presented it in the house.

Mr. Johnston then called attention to newspaper interviews given by Gamay in Buffalo in which the latter was credited with saying he had collected \$900 during the summer on Manitoulin Island. Gamay did not recollect what he said in Buffalo, but he might have said this.

BLISHMAN SHOTS CAMBRIDGE CLERK. PITTSBURG, Pa., May 14--By an agreement reached between attorneys the proprietors of the Bijou Theatre in this city will pay Miss Laura Biggar, the actress, the interest she had under the will of the late Henry M. Bennett, in the property on Penn avenue and Sixth street, occupied by the Bijou Theatre and office buildings. By the terms of the agreement Miss Biggar will receive in cash from the estate of property \$480,000, an apartment house in New York valued at \$400,000 and personal property estimated to be worth \$100,000, making a total of \$980,000 besides an annual allowance for life of \$1,800. The settlement closes one of the most sensational estate fights this country has had in years.

ACTRESS SECURES BIG FORTUNE. Forest fires raging in Digby county. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of growing timber has been destroyed and much property in danger.

ST. JOHN DRY DOCK RESOLUTION UP.

Subsidy to Be \$30,000 For Twenty Years Instead \$20,000.

FOWLER'S WESTERN TALK.

Member for Kings' Scurrilous Remarks About I. C. R. Employees Recalled in the House--Overtime of Customs Officers to be Paid by Government.

Ottawa, May 14--(Special)--In reply to Mr. Bell (Pictou), Mr. Fielding said that the financial terms were arranged between the Dominion of Canada and the province of Nova Scotia between January the 1st, 1872, and July, 1896. There were general readjustments in 1873 and 1894 of the account of the various provinces, but they had no special relation to Nova Scotia. The sum now at the credit of Nova Scotia in the debt account is \$1,059,111.

Mr. Fielding moved the house into committee on a resolution in respect to the construction of dry docks as provided for by the statute of 1896. Mr. Scott provides for the government siding companies who build dry docks by a subsidy of 2 per cent, not exceeding \$20,000 a year for 20 years. The resolution is to increase the amount from 2 per cent to 3 per cent, making it \$30,000 a year for 20 years. Mr. Fielding said \$20,000 was the amount that day on the 1st of January, 1896, and that he had divided it with Sullivan, but he added that he had borrowed \$1,200 of Sullivan's share of it in the afternoon. He was to return this \$1,200 when the mining deals were completed.

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NOVA SCOTIANS HAVE HARD TIME.

Crew of Yarmouth Brig. Bertha Grey Tossed About for a Week.

NO FOOD OR WATER.

Salt Water Had Spoiled All the Provisions, and Death Stared the Sailors in the Face--Thrilling Rescue by a Steamer in a Gale of Wind.

Norfolk, Va., May 14--The British brigantine St. Oswald, from Mobile for Norfolk arrived here today with the crew of the shipwrecked British brigantine Bertha Grey from Jacksonville to St. Kitts Island. For nearly a week Captain Richards and the men aboard the English sailing craft were tossed about at the mercy of wind and wave. The vessel's rigging was gone and the hull waterlogged. Salt water pouring in between the decks quickly spoiled their food and rendered their supplies of fresh water useless. Woe with many hours of pumping, almost overcome with hunger and heartache at the dreary prospect of ever alive the Nova Scotian mariners had about abandoned all hope of safety when the St. Oswald responded to their signals of distress. The rescue of the shipwrecked men was a thrilling one. The waves were running mountain high and the wind still blew a gale when a lifeboat was lowered from the St. Oswald. The boat made two trips from the wreck to the steamer.

SCHOONER EMPRESS FLOATED WITH CARGO. Vessel Had Been Ashore at Blanch Island and Was Towed to Halifax--Capt. Bale of S. S. Orinoco Has His Hand Crushed.

GREATEST BATTLESHIP AFLOAT LAUNCHED. British Navy Adds the Commonwealth to Its Fleet.

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Zinc Plant Destroyed by Fire. Salt Lake, Utah, May 14--The zinc plant of the Utah Metals Company located at Park City, the only plant for the treatment of zinc bearing ores in the west, was almost totally destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is about \$125,000.

IT WAS "G. RUSSELL" WHO SHIPPED BOMB TO THE S. S. UMBRIA.

Infernal Machine Was Made in Chicago, Where Dynamiter is Now Being Sought.

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Chicago, May 14--Advices have been received from the police in New York that it was thought that the infernal machine which was taken to the Cunard docks was made in Chicago by a man named Russell, living at 247 Washington Boulevard.

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GERMANY WOULD MAKE CANADA A DUMPING GROUND FOR CONVICTS.

Canadian Three Per Cent. Bonds Sell at 103 in London, the Highest Price of Any Colonial Debenture--Canadian Gazette Calls Canada "Land of Conflagrations."

Montréal, May 14--(Special)--A special London cable says: "The astounding success of the British Transvaal loan emphasizes the high place Canada's three per cent issue now enjoys in the British market. While the new Transvaal loan is issued at par and the Australian and South African and other colonial stocks range from 90 to 95, Canadian three per cent stocks stand at 103. A noteworthy feature of the cattle markets is the enormous increase in Canadian importations. These have advanced from 10,163 in the first four months of 1902 to 22,200 in the first four months of this year. The Standard says this is probably the result of the settling down of Canadian farmers to the fattening of hogs now that they are convinced of the futility of the agitation for the admission of stores cattle. A Berlin telegram to the Daily Mail indicates that the Berlin Society for the Reformation of Discharged Prisoners, of which Herr Balbin, the head of the Hamburg-American line, is a prominent member, have decided to grant \$100 to \$150 per head to assist ex-convicts to emigrate after six months' trial. The United States being barred against the immigration of criminals, Canada is especially favored by the society for their dumping ground. "Lord Strathcona has addressed a long memorandum to the British chambers of commerce explanatory to the changes in the Canadian customs tariff. The power given to the governor-in-council to increase the iron duty is accepted as an evidence of Canada's adherence to protection. The anti-German surtax is also explained. "Today's Berlin telegrams suggest that the weakening of the German hostility is increasingly felt. If the German government continues the present policy of an entire cessation of trade with the dominion, it may result in seriously prejudicing Germany. The Bowen Courier says: "It is Canada's duty to accept as a condition of Canada's adherence to protection, the project of a British imperial customs union by irrevocable national feeling. "Commenting on the Ottawa fire, the Canadian Gazette says that it provides English insurance companies with a further argument for insisting upon the betterment of Canadian means of preventing such disasters. The article also criticizes the system of building brick houses because of their liability to catch fire. "We are afraid Canada will not lose its unhappy reputation as a land of conflagrations until more substantial methods of buildings are insisted upon. "Lady Aberdeen presided at the annual meeting of the Women's Liberal Federation League yesterday. Resolutions favoring home rule for Ireland and approving of the Irish land bill were adopted."

CARNEGIE SAYS HE'S SORRY TO HURT CANADA'S FEELINGS.

London, May 14--A despatch received here today from Halifax (N. S.) quotes Mayor Richardson, of Sydney (C. B.) as saying that the town council would return Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$150,000 for a library in Sydney because of an interview in London with Mr. Carnegie in which he is alleged to have said that the iron and steel industry of Cape Breton was a "mirage." Mr. Carnegie said to a representative of the Associated Press today that he was very sorry if anything he said had hurt the feelings of his Canadian friends. He had no desire to undertake Canada's efforts, did not remember using the word "mirage."