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BIG NATIONALIST CONVENTION KILLS BIRRELL'S IRISH BILL

Great Gathering at Dublin Unanimously Agrees to
Redmond's Resolution of Rejection.

INSISTS UPON CONTROL OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

Dublin, May 21.—The Nationalist convention today unanimously adopted Mr. Redmond's resolution rejecting Mr. Birrell's Irish bill.

Dublin, May 21.—The Nationalist convention called to decide whether the Irish bill introduced in the House of Commons on May 7 by the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. Birrell, was acceptable to the people of Ireland, assembled at noon today in Mansion Hall. It became known immediately that the measure, as a result of yesterday's meeting of the Irish leaders would be rejected, and that a resolution, to be introduced by John E. Redmond, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party, settling the fate of the bill, had been prepared.

The resolution was as follows:

"That this convention, representative of Irish National opinion, emphatically places on record its profound conviction that nothing can satisfy the national aspirations of Ireland or bring peace and contentment to our people, but a measure of self-government, which will give the Irish people complete control of their domestic affairs.

"That while we have never wavered in our belief that it is impossible to produce any logical or workable scheme for the extension and development of popular power and responsibility in Ireland short of the concession of home rule, at the same time, in accordance with the resolution of the national directory of the 5th of February, 1907, and with the public declarations made from time to time on our behalf, we have been willing to give fair consideration to any scheme prepared by the British ministers which in their opinion would be 'consistent with and lead up to the larger policy' to which they would be pledged."

"That having considered the Irish council bill introduced by the Government, we declare that it is utterly inadequate in its scope, and unsatisfactory in its details, and should be rejected by the Irish nation, and we regard the production of such a measure by the British Government pledged to home rule, as confirmation of the position we have always taken—that any attempt to settle the Irish problem by half measures would be entirely unsuccessful—and we call upon the Irish party to oppose the bill in the House of Commons, and press upon the Government with all their strength and power to introduce a measure for the establishment of a native parliament with a responsible executive, having power over all purely Irish affairs, and at this crisis in the fortunes of Ireland, we invite in support of our representatives in Parliament, and enable them to effectively press for the speedy and genuine settlement of the Irish question."

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BIG DOCK STRIKE HAS PETERED OUT

Men Ballot in Favor of Compromise Offer and 800 Return to Work.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, May 21.—The information which the Labor Department received today from Montreal is that the longshoremen's strike is broken. This morning the men by a large majority had a secret ballot, which was strongly in favor of accepting the 2% cost increase, submitting the other 2% cents to the consideration of the conciliation board, and meantime the men to return to work.

This is the offer which the men refused yesterday. Since then the shipping federation has taken the attitude that the strike is over.

The federation says that about 800 men have returned to work. The outlook, therefore, is that the strike, as a strike, is at an end.

COMMITTEE OF SEVEN QUILTS

Could Not Secure the Co-operation of
Speckles and Heney.

San Francisco, May 21.—The committee of seven appointed by the five commercial organizations of San Francisco to take over some of the power of Mayor Schmitz, resigned last night. The reason assigned by the committee for withdrawing was that it had been unable to secure the co-operation of Rudolph Speckles and Francis J. Heney, who are the head of the graft investigation.

The committee was to have acted in an advisory capacity to the mayor, and the latter had promised to carry out whatever it recommended.

NATIVE TROOPS DISBANDED

One Regiment of East Indian Soldiers
Reported Affected.

London, May 21.—The Lucknow correspondent of the Standard says it is reported that a native regiment at Umballa had been disbanded owing to the men becoming affected by the unrest prevailing in the Punjab. It is rumored that part of the European population at Allahabad became so alarmed on May 10, the anniversary of the Indian Mutiny, that they went to the fort. The authorities refused to admit them, considering their fears groundless.

A rumor similar to that regarding the regiment at Umballa was current in April in reference to a regiment at Jhelum, but it proved an exaggerated version of an unimportant breach of discipline.

CRANK'S MISSION COMES TO A CLOSE

Remanded to Jail to See if He Is
Sane—Boy Tries to Paint
Sidewalk.

John Brazier, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of being disorderly, was arraigned before Magistrate Love at the police court this morning, and conducted himself in such a strange manner that the court remanded him to jail for a few days to ascertain whether he was insane or not. Brazier was arrested on the market, while trying to sell small empty boxes and other trash. When he appeared in court he told the officials in an innocent way that he had come out to this country several weeks ago on a mission of education.

"England is a great country," Brazier said, "the greatest in the world, and I have come out here to instruct the people to make them do better and to teach them to live so that they will not be sorry for what they have done. It is high time that something is done to clear out some of the bums about this city, for they are getting to be too numerous altogether. I have been trying to help them and that is what I am here for."

After addressing himself thus to the court, Brazier, who is a tall man, of powerful frame, would commence to dance and salute the officers standing about in a way which would suggest that at some time he had been a military man. His manner of carrying his massive body also suggests military training. The police are of the opinion that Brazier has become insane through the long-continued use of liquor, and arrangements will be made for his removal to a hospital or asylum, where he will be properly cared for. For some time past he has been wandering about the different hotels of the city, acting in a strange manner.

Painting the Sidewalk.
William Gray, who was caught the other day by a policeman while engaged in trying to paint a portion of one of the city sidewalks, was allowed to go when he appeared in court, because he was a small boy, and did not understand that to decorate city property without leave was against the law.

Thomas Beeswarrick and James Cate were each fined \$3 for being drunk.

John Cottrill was allowed out on suspended sentence. He had been causing a disturbance about his home while intoxicated.

MEXICO MASSES TROOPS ON GUATEMALA LINE

Mysterious Movement of Forces That
May Mean a War.

Mexico, May 21.—Mexican troops are moving to the Guatemalan frontier, according to information received yesterday in a private telegram. The troops are traveling over the Pan-American Railroad. In what numbers or for what purpose these soldiers are moving south is not known outside of official circles.

It is said that the transfer of these troops may simply be the carrying out of previous orders issued by the war department in pursuance of a plan of mobilization which carries with it no special significance. It has been learned, however, that the war department had countermanded the order, dispatching the Mexican garrison to the Port of San Jose de Guatemala to take on board Senor Gamboa, Mexican minister to Guatemala, who was to have gone to San Salvador. The Tampico is still in the harbor at Salina Cruz. At the same time, the state department nothing could be learned of the situation. Meantime, it has been learned that the scene of the greatest activity has been divided between Guatemala City and San Salvador.

FALLS ENERGY FOR \$10.40 PER H.P.

Hon Mr. Beck Announces Terms
of Contract With Ontario
Power Company.

Toronto, May 21.—At the Municipal Union meeting today Hon. Adam Beck announced that the terms of contract for power made with the Ontario Power Company, was as follows: Quantity of power to be taken; a minimum of 8,000-h.p. to be increased at any time on thirty days' notice; blocks of 1,000-h.p. or more, as required, up to 75,000, with an option of a further increase on nine months' notice up to 100,000-h.p. amount of power ordered to be always available, and 75 per cent paid for whether used or not. Price for continuous 24-hour power, \$10.40 per horsepower per annum up to 25,000-h.p., thereafter \$10 per horsepower. Continuous service is to be guaranteed by a penalty contract for ten years, renewable for three periods of ten years, upon notice. These terms are basis of contracts to be made with municipalities.

BIG FIRE IN THE WEST

London Fence Company, at Portage la
Prairie, Destroyed by Flames.

Portage la Prairie, May 20.—The extensive plant of the London Fence Company was completely wiped out by fire early today, entailing a loss of between \$80,000 and \$100,000, and throwing many hands out of employment.

DEATH OF WM. F. LUXTON

Ex-M.P.P. and Widely-Known Journalist
Dead at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, May 20.—Mr. W. F. Luxton, ex-M.P.P., and a widely-known journalist, passed away this evening, succumbing to an attack of apoplexy. Mr. Luxton was born in the Township of Lobo, Middlesex County, 70 years ago. When a comparatively young man he founded the *Strathroy Age*, which he conducted successfully for a number of years. Later he removed to Seaforth, Ont., where he started the *Expositor*. He removed to Winnipeg 30 years ago, where he launched the *Free Press*.

Mr. Luxton retired from newspaper work some years ago and later entered the civil service.

CLEVER SWINDLE AT GUELPH

Banks Victimized by a Forger for Considerable Sum.

Guelph, May 20.—According to reports from reliable sources a number of the local banks have been victimized to the extent of between \$1,000 and \$1,500. The swindle was by means of a forgery. Mr. Gilles, of Malden, being the name used. The forgery was made several months ago, but remained undetected until the maturing of the notes, when it was discovered that Mr. Gilles knew nothing of them. So far the authorities have been unable to locate the swindler.

GIRLS IN BOX FOR MONTH

Six Japanese Make Trip Across Pa-
cific as Freight.

Port Townsend, Wash., May 21.—Lying packed in boxes for a month and consigned as freight, six Japanese girls made the trip across the Pacific Ocean on the steamship *Ozama*, and were only discovered today after that vessel reached Victoria.

There was an outbreak of smallpox on the vessel during the trip, and the health officials ordered the entire steerage compartments fumigated. As the sulphur fumes penetrated the boxes the girls made an outcry and were discovered.

The boxes were consigned to a steamer passenger, who is alleged to be Taki Kajiro, who was deported from San Francisco two years ago for importing girls and disposing of them to the highest bidder. The girls will be sent back to Japan.

LAKE STEAMER BURNS TO WATER

Four Perish in Marine Disaster
on Lake Michigan.

PASSENGERS' NARROW ESCAPE

The Naomi, Valued at Over Two Hundred
Thousand Dollars, Completely Destroyed.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 21.—The steamer *Naomi*, of the Crosby Transportation Company, burned to the water's edge at 1:30 o'clock this morning, while on her way from Grand Haven to Milwaukee. Fifty passengers were taken off by the steamer *Stratford* and transferred to the steamer *Kansas*, of the same line. Four members of the crew were burned to death. Among the injured is J. M. Rhodes, of Detroit, who is in a hospital badly burned.

Miraculous Escape.

Rhodes will probably die. Those taken off were in small boats. The dead men were all coal passers.

The loss on the *Naomi*, which was in command of Capt. Thomas Traill, is estimated at \$225,000. After the passengers and crew were rescued a barge put a line on the burning hulk and is towing her into this port.

The fire started near the kitchen, between decks, and spread so rapidly that the whole ship was a seething furnace before the crew could get out the fire apparatus. Fire swept the whole length of the ship, and the upper works burned like tinder. It is considered miraculous that the passengers all escaped. Many of them were taken off in their night-clothing while scarcely anyone was more than partially clad.

The fire was not discovered by any of the *Naomi's* crew, but was first seen by the lookout on the steamer *Kansas*, which was proceeding in the opposite direction, from Milwaukee to Grand Haven. The *Kansas* made directly for the *Naomi*, and in the meantime the passengers on the ill-fated boat were awakened.

Captain Thomas Traill was the last man to leave the steamer alive, and his clothing was almost burned off him.

Penned in Their Bunks.

The coal passers who perished were below in their bunks, and are believed to have been penned down there by the flames. They are believed to have shipped from Milwaukee.

It is said by the passengers that the flames, one of the officers yelled to them down a manhole to crawl into the ballast tank. It is not known whether they did so, but if they succeeded in getting into the tanks, and were not roasted to death there by the heat, they may be alive.

DEATH OF ACTRESS

Mrs. Brownridge, of Earl Burgess Com-
pany, Died Here Today.

The death occurred in Victoria Hospital this morning of Mrs. Brownridge, of New York city, who came to London with the Earl Burgess Company, which was playing last week at the Grand Opera House.

Mrs. Brownridge, on Saturday evening with an acute form of stomach trouble. Her condition rapidly became worse and she died early this morning.

Mrs. Brownridge had been a leading woman of the Earl Burgess Company, with which her daughter was also traveling. She had a quarrel with the manager, had resigned her position, and was about to leave for New York, when she was taken sick. Her daughter remained with her to the end. Mrs. Brownridge went by the stage name of Mrs. Kemp. The remains will be taken to Ohio for burial.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—WARMER.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, May 21—3 a.m. Windy, variable, fine.
Wednesday—Fine, with higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	5 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	42	32	Snow
Winnipeg	42	32	Snow
Port Arthur	38	28	Clear
Toronto	42	32	Fair
Ottawa	38	32	Cloudy
Montreal	40	34	Cloudy
Quebec	42	34	Fair
Father Point	42	34	Fair

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 5 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours past.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 48°; lowest, 35°.

WEATHER NOTES.
Showers have occurred in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, also showers and local snowfalls in the Western Provinces.

In Ontario the weather has been fair and cool, with frosts during the night.

The Vulgate To Be Revised

London, May 21.—In a dispatch from Rome, the correspondent of the Times says he learns the Pope has issued a decree intrusting the entire revision of the Vulgate to the Benedictine Order. This is the most important decision yet announced, the correspondent continues, as an outcome of the Biblical commission appointed toward the end of the pontificate of Leo XIII.

In an editorial item the Times says it is difficult to overestimate the importance of this step. "No book," the paper declares, "has exercised a wider and more powerful influence in molding the faith, morals, thoughts and traditions of the literature of the European world than the Latin version of the Scriptures, which we know as the Vulgate. For 1,500 years it has been setting its impress upon the whole mental heritage of countless millions of men."

The paper adds the step is a bold one, for it will be hailed with satisfaction by many within as well as without the Church of Rome.

MISSING WITNESS FOUND AT LAST

Annie Fisher, Wanted for the
Noah Murder Case, Has
Been Located.

Annie Fisher, the young Chippewa squaw, for whom Crown Attorney McKillop and the county constables have been seeking vainly for nearly two weeks, was located yesterday.

In all probability, the Fisher girl will be one of the most important witnesses for the prosecution in the case of Thomas Noah, the young Muncey Indian who is being held on a charge of having murdered a fellow Indian, Absalom Fox, on the morning of May 3, at a dance held on the Munciey reserve.

At the inquest over Fox's death, held at Melbourne, the Fisher girl gave important testimony, but there were those present who felt that she had not told all that she knew. Added color was given to this supposition when a few days later, an attempt was made to subpoena her for the hearing held last Thursday at the court house before Squire Glass, and she could not be located.

The subpoena was then placed in the hands of an Indian constable, who also failed to locate the missing girl.

At the hearing the crown attorney refused to ask for a commitment until after the young woman had been found, and after hearing seven witnesses the matter was held over until Thursday next.

Sunday night Constable Northgreaves drove to the Munciey reserve with the determination of staying there until he had located the missing witness. Search was made in all quarters of the reserve, but no trace of the girl was found until yesterday afternoon, when as Constable Northgreaves, accompanied by Indian Constable Ben-river, was driving along the river road within the reserve they met her on a turn in the roadway and promptly served the subpoena.

The much-sought-for girl, who is almost white in color, wore a man's derby hat, and she greeted the officers like long lost friends.

"I was asked for a commitment until after the young woman had been found, and after hearing seven witnesses the matter was held over until Thursday next."

When asked where she had been keeping herself, she replied that she had made no effort to avoid being subpoenaed, and that it had just happened that the officers had not been able to locate her. This theory, however, is scouted by the officers, who believe that she had been advised to steer clear of giving any more evidence.

Although the officers working on the case will not admit that any fear of injury is influencing the witnesses in the matter of giving evidence, it has been learned that Willie Grosbeck, the young Indian who was standing alongside the buggy a few moments prior to the murder, and who gave evidence at the inquest and the unconcluded preliminary hearing, has been kept some distance from the reserve since that time by his father.

Constable Northgreaves yesterday also subpoenaed three other Indian witnesses, John Hall, Frank Delaney, and Joe Dolson. One of the witnesses, it is rumored, can give important testimony in reference to the ownership of the fatal knife with which Fox met his death.

KICK ON MAIL SERVICE.

Amherstburg, May 21.—The town council has passed a lengthy petition, which will be sent to the Dominion Government, protesting against the "grossly inadequate" mail service given this town, and asking that an immediate improvement be made.

A BUSY CHANNEL.

Amherstburg, May 21.—The largest number of boats passed Line Kilm Crossing yesterday that has ever gone through in a single day since the Government has made the crossing navigable. Between the hours of 5 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., 111 boats passed up and down, an average of one boat every six and one-half minutes.

LABORER KILLED BY CAVE-IN ON THE BRUCE STREET SEWER

Aged Frank Bickley Meets a Terrible Death While at
Work This Morning.

CRUSHED AND SUFFOCATED BY TONS OF EARTH

Frank Bickley, a laborer, aged 78, was killed in the trench of the Bruce street sewer this morning while at work for Contractor Chris Leathorne.

Bickley was crushed to death by tons of clay which slid in upon him as he stood shoveling earth from the bottom of the trench. His death was a slow and horrible one, for he was first caught by the feet, and while his fellow-workmen strove with might and main to release him, the pile of clay settled slowly in upon him, crushing out his life.

Bickley yesterday afternoon applied to Mr. Leathorne for a job, and this morning he went to work.

How It Occurred.

He was employed a short distance east of Teresa street for a time, but as one of the workmen who was yesterday assisting William Davis to lay tile failed to put in an appearance this morning, Davis asked that Bickley, who had the reputation of being a good tile layer, be sent to help him.

The man who laid off today, and probably missed death, is Arthur Ford, of Teresa street.

Bickley, though he had been a good man in the past, was crippled with rheumatism. A few years ago he would have found it impossible to get a job anywhere, but in the present urgent need of men was pressed into service.

He worked for about an hour with Davis, and about 8:45 the men were attempting to put a tile in position.

Bickley was working at the mouth of the tile, shoveling out clay, so as to lower the trench and set the tile level, and Davis was taking the earth away

BAD LANDSLIDES AT PORT STANLEY

Claybanks and Cliffs Drop Into
the Lake—"Hill Crest"
in Danger.

Much to the annoyance of the summer residents of New Orchard Beach, Port Stanley, Lake Erie continues to make inroads on the land along in front of the cottages, and has already taken away what used to be one of the widest and best beaches on the north shore of Lake Erie.

Not only has the beach been destroyed or washed away, but the clay banks and cliffs are being rapidly washed down into the water. In some places so much of the cliff in front of what is known as "Hill Crest" has been washed away that the cottages on the top of the hill are in some danger of being carried away with the next great landslide.

The big tree which stood at the foot of "Hill Crest," on the Orchard Beach side, has at last been carried down into the lake, and with it has gone one of Port Stanley's oldest and best known landmarks. Not only was this great elm tree carried down, but it also served to protect the land from being washed away during the furious storms of the fall and early spring.

At other places small balconies and summer houses which had been built on the edge of the land overlooking the lake have been washed away, while innumerable bathhouses and bathing-houses have disappeared.

The St. Thomas residents of the beach got together some time ago to discuss the best means of preventing the lake from making such havoc of their property, and after much discussion they decided to place, they appointed Messrs. A. E. Ponsford and Lawyer Cameron as delegates to meet the citizens of London at a meeting to be held on Orchard Beach, Port Stanley, at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the 28th of May.

Just what course will be taken can only be surmised, but it is likely that some kind of a breakwater will be erected, if anything is done. The residents of the beach feel that no time must be lost, for every storm is creating more trouble and carrying away great sections of earth and clay.

CANADIAN CLUB MEETING

Everybody in London Interested in Sports
Invited To Be at City Hall Tonight.

Attention is called to the meeting of the Canadian Club in the city hall tonight for the purpose of receiving a report from the sports committee. Every member of the club, and every person in London interested in sports, is invited to be present.

VOLCANOES AGAIN ACTIVE.

Messina, May 21.—The Stromboli and Mount Etna volcanoes are again active, especially Stromboli. Deafening explosions are of constant occurrence, and the population of Stromboli Island have been thrown a second time into a condition of terror.

Bickley Warned To Jump.

Coldenly Davis heard a slip at his right, and knowing it meant danger, he shouted to Bickley to jump. He jumped himself, but the old man was too slow. In an instant his feet were pinioned, and the earth was settling in around him.

The section through which the sewer runs is mainly composed of blue clay, but occasionally pockets of sand run transversely to the trench.

It was one of these pockets which had caused the slide, and there was no shoring to prevent the mass of earth coming in.

All But Head Buried.

Davis, with Chris Leathorne and several other men, worked his way to free the imprisoned man, but before they could do anything for him, the earth slipped still further and covered him all but his head and shoulders.

The accident occurred right in front of Fireman George Taylor's house, at 100 Bruce street, and at once joined in the work of rescue.

Water was kept trickling on Bickley's face to help him retain consciousness, and all the while the men worked heroically to free him. Some of the men were Italian laborers, and they could not understand what the rescuers wanted them to do, and their work did not avail much.

Entire Wall Collapses.

After ten minutes hard work, Bickley was freed so that only his knees and feet were pinioned, and an attempt was about to be made to haul him out when the entire south wall of the sewer, at a distance of about six feet below the surface, and for a length of fifteen feet, gave way.

It slid rapidly at first, and then slowly settled on the doomed man.

Pleads for Help.

"Get me out, boys, for God's sake," he shouted.

The big cave-in made it impossible for rescuers to make any further attempt.

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TO BROADEN THE MUNICIPAL UNION

Delegates at Toronto Gathering
Discuss Formation of New
Association.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Toronto, May 21.—Stratford, St. Marys, Brantford, Woodstock, Tilsonburg, Galt, Berlin, Waterloo, London, Ingersoll, Guelph and Toronto were represented at a meeting of the Western Ontario Municipalities Union at the city hall this morning.

Hon. Adam Beck and A. E. Lebb represented the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. President J. H. Fryer, of Galt, presided. He said the question before the delegates was whether the union should be dissolved and a new association formed, or whether the executive should be widened so as to include those municipalities which have passed power bylaws. He advocated such municipalities having a central organization, so that they could deal directly with the hydro-power commission.

Mayor Bowley, of Brantford, suggested broadening out the executive, but Mayor Coatsworth moved that every municipality that passed bylaws be made a member of the executive, but it met with some opposition, as it was felt the executive would thereby become unwieldy.

Mayor Coatsworth's proposal finally carried. This provides that the mayor of each municipality or his nominee be appointed a member of the executive.

GOES TO CHAIR CALMLY

Ciardi Electrocutted at Auburn for the
Slaying of Luigi Porzi.

Auburn, May 21.—Carlo Ciardi, who was convicted in Ithaca for the murder of Luigi Porzi on Nov. 30, 1904, was successfully electrocuted in Auburn prison this morning at 6:30 o'clock. The execution was without any untoward features. Ciardi calmly entered the death chamber, and without any sign of emotion went to the chair. He sent himself easily, allowing his hands to rest carelessly on the chair arms.

State Electrician Davis administered the first shock at 6:22. It was of 1,800 volts and at 34 amperes, and was continued for a minute. Three other shocks were administered, the second at 6:25, the third at 6:27, and the last at 6:29. These were short, of three to four seconds duration, and of full voltage. Ciardi killed his victim that he might rob him of \$30 that Porzi had saved to bring his sweetheart from Italy.

RAILWAY LOSES SUIT.

Detroit, May 21.—The Michigan supreme court has affirmed the verdict of \$5,400 given the administrator of the estate of George F. Nixon, of Flint, Mich., against the Grand Trunk Western Railway. The case grew out of the death of Mr. Nixon, who was run down by a yard engine and fatally injured on May 14, 1902. The suit was twice tried, the supreme court reversing the first judgment of \$5,000.