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Railway Guarantees.

It has been premised that the recess of the House of Assembly taken from Wednesday until to-day is for the purpose of giving the Prime Minister time to formulate a Railway Policy for submission to the Legislature. There has been so much done on the authority of Minute of Council since the House closed in December last, with regard to the operation of the railway and the pledging of the credit of the country toward a guarantee of operating losses up to a certain sum, that the Opposition may well be pardoned for being suspicious of the Government. Their refusal to vote another cent of Supply until they know all about railway conditions and the future programme, is justified by the past record of the Government in this particular instance. When the people of Newfoundland, in addition to paying the rates chargeable for the transportation of passengers and freight, have to contribute extra sums in duty to the revenue for the purpose of assisting the contractor financially, it is high time that one thing or the other be done. This Colony cannot longer agree to maintain the railway out and out. That certain huge sums were paid the contractor in the past offers no just reason why these should continue. That they were so paid was the misfortune of the Colony, not its fault, for had the Railway Commission of 1920-21 never been brought into existence, it would have meant millions of dollars saved to Newfoundland. The tyro who was Chairman of that Commission must always be regarded as the man who is to blame for the shifting of the responsibility of operation from the contractor to the Government. The million and a half dollar guarantee which covers the operating period 1921-22, may also be placed against the account of the first Chairman of the 1920 Commission, for had not that gentleman undertaken an office for which he was totally unfitted either by training or experience, no guarantee would have been required, and the operating Company would have been compelled to carry on or close up. As a matter of benefit, the latter might have been the better way out. Even to-day people are asking themselves whether it would not be a greater saving to shut down the railway, and revert to the oldtime system of carriage by water, than to have to guarantee a specific sum of public monies to recoup the operator for losses incurred. Paying two ways is not agreeable to the majority. Unless therefore the Government can submit a better policy of railway affairs than they have hitherto carried out, the Opposition will have the support of the whole country behind them in their endeavours to force the Government to a straight declaration.

Sentiment is Changing.
THE NORTH BREAKING AWAY.

A former strong supporter of Mr. Coaker's Union in Twillingate, writes us that he is not much interested in the present Government, considering its past record, and further states that there is a great change in Twillingate District, particularly directed against Mr. Coaker. With such a sentiment the whole of the voters concur, and are only waiting for the day when they can, by their own act, shake off the shackles which have heretofore bound them. The writer of the letter was formerly one of the most ardent advocates of Unionism in the northern district, and supported all its principles up to now, when he appears to be absolutely disgusted with the conduct of affairs.

Unemployed Meet
Prime Minister.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED—MONSTER MEETING IN BANNERMAN PARK.

At the meeting of the Unemployed held yesterday afternoon in the Star Hall, the following resolutions were passed.
WHEREAS the Government deemed it expedient to close down the so-called Relief Works; and
WHEREAS we, the unemployed citizens of St. John's, find ourselves in the same position financially as when this work started owing to lack of any other employment available at present;

RESOLVED that we, the unemployed, at a regular meeting convened, approach the Government with a view to having some steps taken or some plan devised wherein we can procure employment to relieve the present situation; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a deputation be appointed to wait on the Prime Minister as early as convenient to present the Resolutions.
JAMES J. POWER, Chairman.
J. F. SEXTON, Secretary.

The deputation, seven in number, waited on the Prime Minister this forenoon, presented the resolutions and debated the situation, urging that work should again be opened up. The Prime Minister assured the delegation that the matter would be taken up at once, after which they withdrew. A monster meeting to make known the result of the interview and debate other matters has been called to take place in Bannerman Park this afternoon.

Rosalind Sails.

LARGE PASSENGER LIST.
S.S. Rosalind sailed for Halifax and New York at 3 p.m., taking the following passengers: Miss Elsie Taylor, Miss Clara Adams, Miss Dorothy Adams, Miss Sinnott, Miss P. Byrne, Miss M. Power, Mrs. J. Power, Miss L. Penny, Miss M. Brower, Patk. Mahoney, J. Dave, F. M. Hamerstrom, J. W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wight, E. Folsom, J. Stevens, W. G. Yielding, W. W. Lindsay, J. Thomas, G. La Masse, G. Ballonier, P. Buckingham, W. Cook, Miss L. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Fox.

Card Party and Dance to be held in the Star of the Sea Hall this Friday night, May 5th. Cards at 8 o'clock sharp. Dancing at 10. Prizes: 1/4 ton of Coal and tub Butter. Admission 50c. Bennett's Band in attendance. May 5.

Hard on Reporters.

CAN SEE BUT NOT HEAR.
During the past couple of days the seating capacity of the Supreme Court has been re-arranged and a new stand for the Sheriff put in. A desk has also been installed for the reporters, but it has been placed against the farthest side of the room, away from the bench and witness box, and in such a position that a reporter may see all that is going on but hear little. The whole trouble is in the acoustic properties of the room, and in this respect it is said to be the worst in the country.

McMurdo's Store News.

FRIDAY, May 5.
In changeable, backward weather it is often wise to take a tonic, to ward off the results caused by severe and sudden changes of weather and temperature. For this purpose one of the best, undoubtedly, is McMurdo's Nutritive Hypophosphites, which has stood the test of many years use, and has been found unsurpassed for the purpose. Those who take Nutritive Hypophosphites are much less subject to colds, coughs, and chills, eat better, sleep better, and are in better spirits than those who have not fortified themselves. Two sizes, 50c. and \$1.00 a bottle.

YOUNG MEN EMIGRATING.—The Rosalind, sailing this afternoon for Halifax and New York has over 50 second class passengers, mostly young men from the nearby settlements, who will seek work in Canada and the United States.

Was Shooting Premeditated?

Slayer Purchased Revolver on Wednesday--All Theories So Far Unsubstantiated--Ancient Chinese Superstition May Give Proof -- Murderer Placed Under Arrest.

Why did Wo Fen King kill his countrymen? That is the question which is puzzling everyone to-day, except the police, who are in possession of a statement which they will not make public. Many theories have been advanced but arguments have been brought against all, and it is evident that until the police choose to remove the ban of silence, the motive which inspired the triple murder in Murray Street will remain a mystery. It may be presumed, however, that the killings were premeditated for it is known that Wo Fen King purchased the revolver on the day the awful crime was committed. He is now under arrest, charged with murder, and is under police surveillance at the Hospital. Both he and his wounded victim, Hong Wing, are progressing favourably.

THE STATEMENT.
As announced in yesterday's Telegram, the police obtained a statement from Wo Fen King at the Hospital. Kim Lee acted as interpreter. Efforts to obtain an outline of its contents from the authorities have proved a failure. The reason given for the refusal to give out this information is that a preliminary enquiry must be held before the accused can be committed, and the statement will be put in as evidence.

WAS THE MURDER PROVOKED?

There is good reason to believe that the murder was the result of provocation. It has already been stated that Wo Fen King said he had been badly treated by Hong Lon, the proprietor of the Murray Street laundry. Evidence has also been brought forward to the effect that there was a heated argument in the laundry previous to the shooting. Moreover it is believed that Wo Fen King belonged to a different Tong from those with whom he worked.

A PECULIAR STORY.

There is a strange but true story which may throw some light upon the matter. Some three weeks ago, a lady living in the city, was informed by her maid that the Chinaman had called for the laundry considerably before the usual time and not thinking there was anything wrong she had given him. Later the regular Chinaman came, and when told that the laundry had been given to another, he asked if it were a little fellow. He was answered in the affirmative, "Don't give him any money when he brings it back," said the man. "Soon the new man came back with the laundry and asked for payment. This was refused and he was told the reason. He appeared to be very angry, but left the house. Was the new Chinaman Wo Fen King? Did he attempt to make money by going out collecting the laundry that should have gone to Murray St., and taking it elsewhere? Did the discovery of this scheme result in his dismissal by Hong Lon, and was his action responsible for the murder? This is a theory which should not be lightly dismissed.

WERE MURDERS PREMEDITATED?

That the murders may have been premeditated seems fairly certain. The purchase on the preceding day of a revolver by the man now under arrest clearly points to this. The story of the purchase of this revolver gives rise to another puzzling question. On Wednesday Wo Fen King went into a city hardware store and in broken English, said he wished to buy a gun. He made it clear by signs that he wanted a revolver. He was shown several and selected one which appealed to him, but the price was more than he could pay. Telling the clerk to keep it for him, he went away and returned later with sufficient money to pay for the revolver and a box of cartridges. Where did he obtain the necessary money? It is known that he was only paid fifty cents a day while working at the laundry, and he confessed that he could not live on that. This proves that he could not have saved the money. It is unlikely that he stole it.

Who gave Wo Fen King the money to buy the revolver? Did that person know what it was wanted? If so, was he an accessory to the crime? Should the discredited theory of a Tong feud be again assumed? Questions, and still more questions, but all must be answered before a solution to the problem of the murders can be found.

SUICIDE AND SUPERSTITION.

Have the New Gower Street Chinamen any connection with the case? They have denied that. Wo lived with them for a week previous to the murders. It has also been said that he was of the same tong as are these people. What would be more natural than that he should go and live with them if he had no other home? Here again, there is an argument advanced to disprove this theory. Chinamen believe that if a man commits suicide at their door, his spirit will haunt them for the rest of their lives. This may sound strange, and even amusing, to our western minds, but the superstitions of the Oriental are many and nothing will sever him from them. The action of Wo Fen King, in shooting himself and then running to the door of Jim Gay's laundry, possibly hoping that he would expire there, would bear out the supposition that he was not an friendly terms with the inmates. It might be his desire to do them an injury and to show that they were afraid of him, which substantiates this theory, the door was barred on him when he reached it. The only other reason, which Wo would have for going to this laundry would be for assistance. Under these circumstances it is likely that they would have barred the door upon him? And yet, they are supposed to be of the same tong. DID HE MEAN TO KILL SO HO KAI?

It has been said that Wo Fen King did not intend to kill So Ho Kai, his brother-in-law, but that the latter struggled with him and was shot either in self-defence or by accident. The position of the body does not point to this, although the powder blackened apron shows So Ho Kai was shot at close quarters. If he were shot in a struggle, it is a peculiar fact that his slayer, with a revolver in his right hand, should have put a bullet through the right side of his victim. Furthermore, there were no signs of a struggle. Nothing appeared to have been disturbed. The position in which So Ho Kai's body was found would also tend to disprove the theory of a struggle. It is possible, however, that he had intended to raise an outcry and was shot for this reason.

WO-FEN KING ARRESTED.

An X-ray examination made of Wo Fen King yesterday, showed that he had intended to raise an outcry and was shot for this reason.

CHECQUE LA FEMME.

A story has been circulated to-day

to the effect that Wo Fen King was jealous of one of his victims who was either married to or on friendly terms with a woman whom he, himself, admired. This sounds plausible and might possibly explain the attack on Hong Wing. No confirmation of this report can be secured.

CARTRIDGES FOUND.

Forty-eight cartridges and empty shells have been found by the police. Five of these were taken from Wo on the night of the murders and the remainder were discovered yesterday, some in the Murray St. laundry, and others in Barron Street, where the empty shells were ejected from the revolver. Several city Chinamen were examined yesterday and will be witnesses at what promises to be a most unusual trial.

Supreme Court.

BEFORE FULL BENCH.

In the matter of the Companies Act, 1896, and in the matter of Dodd's Garage, Ltd.
Mr. Hunt moves that the Company have leave to amend memorandum of the Association. Gibbs, K.C. for the Standard Oil Company consents. It is ordered that leave be given to amend.
(Before Mr. Justice Kent.)

In the matter of the petition of Brox, Ltd. alleging that Thomas Wakely and Isaac Wakely, trading under the name of Thos. Wakely and Son of Harbor Buffett is insolvent.
Mr. L. E. Emerson for alleged insolvent. Mr. Hunt, Mr. Wood, Mr. Pineson for creditors. It is ordered that the partners be declared insolvent and that petitioner's costs be allowed, that Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Percy Fearn be trustees. Mr. Emerson asks for insolvent's costs. It is ordered accordingly.

Charged With Inciting to Arson.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.
Before the full bench in the Supreme Court this morning, Edward Beaba was formally charged with inciting to arson. The particulars of the charge are that the prisoner, on December 11th, 1921, at Bell Island offered a bribe of \$100 to one Harold Harvey to fire a building. The prisoner pleaded not guilty. Mr. H. A. Winter appeared for the Crown and asked to have the trial set for May 30th before a special jury. Higgins, K.C., for the accused consented and asked for bail. Mr. Winter consented for bail in \$5,000 personal bond and two sureties of \$2,500 each. The trial was set for May 16th before a special jury, and Hon. F. McNamara and Mr. Kalleem Noah entered as bondsmen.

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Winona is expected to leave Montreal to-morrow for this port direct.

S.S. Belvernon, 2 1/2 days from Halifax, has arrived in port with a general cargo to A. E. Hickman & Co.

Schr. Armistice has cleared from English Harbor for Oporto with 5159 tons codfish.

Our Local Peeps

HIS DIARY.
May 4th.—To the office but find little excitement anywhere about the murdered Chinaman, which is I think because they are orientals, and are much disliked by many. I to the business of finding the true story of the crime, and did see the murdered man and where they were slain. I find a difficult task to obtain news from the Chinese, being that they are like to stone images, and will say naught but "no save." A bitter, cold day and I wear my winter clothes. Hon. J. Anderson calls me on the phone and tells me how his son, Murray, sends me a portrait of himself, which pleases me.

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Preliminary Notice. The Young Ladies' Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church are holding their Summer Sale of Work on TUESDAY, June 6th, in the Presbyterian Hall. PARTICULARS LATER. may 5, 1922

OATS! Finest re-cleaned P. E. I. Seed Oats to arrive by steamer from Charlottetown, due Monday. For prices and further particulars apply to THOMAS B. CLIFT, Commercial Chambers. P. O. Box 1353. Telephone 513. may 5, 1922

THE CELEBRATED COMIC OPERA "The Chimes of Normandy" WILL BE PRODUCED AT THE CASINO To-Night by the pupils and ex-pupils of St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Schools. Conductor: PROFESSOR HUTTON. Tickets \$1.00, 75c., 50c., 40c., 20c., at Royal Stationery, 180 Water Street. may 2, 1922

COD OIL! We are open to purchase Cod Oil for immediate shipment in any quantity, and will pay the highest market rate for same. All payments made promptly. Reference: Canadian Bank of Commerce. ARTHUR EBSARY, Smyth Building, Cor. Water St. and Beck's Cove. Phone 1167. Manager for Nfld. P. O. Box 444. may 2, 1922

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