

FREDERICTON MAN CLAIMS TO HAVE MET WITH READ

Declares That Missing Engineer Travelled with Him From Montreal to Junction.
Montreal Police Learn Nothing New—The Run-away Theory Discredited By Father.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Nov. 22.—Mr. Fred P. Colter of this place claims to have seen a fellow passenger from Montreal with Mr. Read on Nov. 12. Mr. Colter stated today that the two met casually and were in each others company during practically the entire journey. Mr. Read seemed to be in the best of spirits only complaining of a lame back or neck. At McAdam the two interviewed the customs official there, Mr. Hoyt with respect to an I. C. R. ticket, concerning the utilization of which after reaching this city Mr. Read seemed to be in some doubt.

At Fredericton Junction the two parted, the now missing man promising to return to Fredericton on a trip early in the week.

Mr. Colter is certain that his fellow passenger is the man wanted and immediately placed himself in touch with the authorities yesterday after learning the details of the case.

At Montreal.
Montreal, Que., Nov. 22.—It now appears certain to those searching for him in Montreal that Herbert Read, the young civil engineer who disappeared in this city nineteen days ago, never reached the train he intended to take at Bonaventure station, shortly before noon on November 3, in order to reach his home in Bathurst, N. B.

That he was engaged to be married shortly to a young lady in St. John, N. B., who was at college with him and that he had never experienced any trouble in his home, are circumstances which make it seem inconceivable that he should have planned to run away.

But the \$250 which he actually had on him, he received by cashing a check handed him by Gilmour Bros. and Co., his father's agents in Montreal, and which they had given him about forty-five minutes before the train left.

Young Mr. Read was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, belonging to the court at Stonehaven, N. B.

He also belonged to the Royal Arcanum, Crystal Council No. 480, Sackville, N. B.

Articles known to be in his possession and new ones which will be gratefully received by the detective bureau are:

Personal Effects.
Black hard hat, dark grey suit, black lace boots, knit black socks, trawlette overalls, one dark grey, one blue, grey cloth cap, probably in grip, cheap nickel watch, open face, Swiss, \$2.50, silk black fob, gold seal monogram, black fountain pen, new B.B. brand, pipe, military hair brushes, black ebony, no razor or shaving apparatus at all, gold Mount Allison pin '05, dark blue tie, baggage check \$4.65, small dark leather bag, no commercial travellers' certificate No. 36623, key ring on chain for several keys, had \$250 in cash, a black string tie, bow, silver cuff links.

He had a bull on his neck that he was getting over, and in his grip were bandages and corrosive sublimate tablets, salve, etc.

Very pronounced, brown, black and heavy and moist above the nose. Wore No. 9 1/2 boots, about 5 feet, 11 inches in height, weight about 175 or 180, clean shaven, dark complexion, though eyes more blue, black hair, medium build, large frame, but not fat, good complexion, occupation civil engineer, open air work last six months, curved scar on angle of left chin, perhaps more than usual amount of hair on hands.

Father Tells.
"Even if he had wanted to go on a trip, I can't conceive why he should do it in this way. He is a boy at heart, his mother's heart, as well as that of the girl he was to marry," said the missing boy's father this morning.

"He was not that kind of a boy at all. All his relations were perfect. I cannot find a loophole anywhere. If he wanted to leave on a trip there was no reason why he should have gone about it this way."

It was thought this morning that a clue had been discovered when a telegraph operator at Bonaventure station declared that on the night of November 3rd, a man answering Read's description applied at the office of the telegraph rate to Stonehaven, where the Read Co.'s works are situated. The operator told him the rate, but said there was no office open in Stonehaven at night.

That this could not have been his son, Mr. Read says, is indicated by the fact that the young man knew perfectly well that the telegraph rate to Stonehaven, having frequently telegraphed there and in addition knew that a telegraph office was not open there at night.

Conductor McCormick, of the train Read should have taken at noon on November 3rd, says he knew the missing man well and that he did not board that train that day.

CORPSES ONLY BROUGHT FROM ST. PAUL MINE

Recovery Of Twenty-three Bodies The Only Result Of Yesterday's Efforts At Illinois Colliery.

189 ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 22.—Efforts to reach men possibly still alive in the St. Paul mine were in vain today in two parts of the underground workings. Although excitement was caused by finding a dead miner who was at first thought to be alive, the net result of today's work was the recovery of twenty-three corpses, which were discovered yesterday.

Rain fell all night, and during the forenoon turned to snow. Scarcely a kinsman of the missing men was at the mine today. But efforts to explore underground continued with unabated vigor. Dozens of volunteers worked against exasperating impediments to extend their explorations.

"They're still alive down there," was the watchword of every worker, although evidence in support of it was meagre.

The first tangible evidence that the men in the east workings were not killed when the fire broke out on Saturday, was the failure to find any corpses where it was predicted a large number would be found if the men were smothered in their first rush for safety.

Implements Found.
Many mining implements were found, but not a dinner-pail was to be seen. From this it was argued that the men, unable to escape when the fire was discovered, retreated to some extremity of the mine, carrying their food with them. But this was the extent of inspiring discoveries for the day.

The man, who it was supposed was still breathing when found, was pronounced dead by the physicians of the hospital car and his body was removed to the morgue. The body was still warm and this had led to the belief of the rescuers that he was alive. While uncertain as to the time of his death, the doctors believe it occurred at least twelve hours before the body was placed on the stretcher.

The temperature of the mine, which is higher than 60 degrees, caused by the fire, as yet unextinguished, undoubtedly was the cause of the warmth of the body.

The situation to date:—
Number trapped in mine . . . 310
Rescued alive . . . 20
Bodies recovered today . . . 42
Bodies recovered previously . . . 59
Still unaccounted for . . . 189

CONSTRUCTING NAVY TO AID GREAT BRITAIN

Mr. W. O. Serley, M. P., Addresses Canadian Club At Boston—The New Tariff And How It Affects Canada.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 22.—Canada's building warships to protect her frontier and to help out the Mother Country who in past years has done so much for Canada, declared W. O. Serley, member of the Canadian House of Commons, speaking before the Canadian Club of Boston at its annual banquet at the Parker House tonight. The greater part of his address was devoted to the great natural resources of Canada and as to how they would be affected by the Payne-Aldrich bill. Dr. Neil McPhatter, president of the Canadian Club of New York, followed with a discussion of the reciprocity measures which Canadians in the United States wished consummated with her neighbor.

Other speakers on reciprocity were Colonel Sidney O. Bigney, of Attleboro; Chas. S. Hamilton, of Mattapoisett, formerly secretary of the navy and Henry M. Whitney.

NO REPRIEVE FOR ITALIAN MURDERER

Special to The Standard.
Toronto, Nov. 22.—The Court of Appeals this morning refused to grant an order for a stated case for Sam Spinelli, the young Italian under sentence to be hanged at North Bay for the murder of a Chinaman at Halleybury.

BRODEUR FARS TO SHIFT BASE FOR HESTIA WRECK

Recent Appalling Disaster Nailed To Government's Doors by Dr. Daniel in Vigorous Speech—Minister Unable To Justify Operations of Department at This Port Resorts To Vaporings.

Tells of "the More Important Work" Which In Its Prosecution Cost the Lives of Thirty-five—Driven To Promise of Fuller Investigation—Lively Debate In Commons.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Nov. 22.—This afternoon Dr. Daniel brought to the attention of the House the extraordinary case of the wreck of the Hestia, the utter inefficiency which permitted the Old Proprietor buoy to remain dark and dumb all summer and autumn, the slackness which left the drowned men on the wreck for 35 hours, the colossal effort to hush the matter up by a farcical investigation and the finding which cast the blame on the captain of the ship, Dr. Daniel presented the facts fully, clearly and with great force and feeling. The House was moved to an unusual extent as he unfolded the ugly story of incapacity and indifference.

Mr. Brodeur made a singularly feeble defence, the principal feature of which was his description of the trouble which the department had had with the automatic buoys. To defend his department in this case he was obliged to admit that these expensive automatic aids to navigation have proved extremely unsuitable.

The Motion.
Dr. Daniel brought the matter up on a motion for papers, "Relating to the condition and maintenance of the buoy on the Old Proprietor ledge in the Bay of Fundy since January 1st, 1908, also a copy of all correspondence and other papers relating to the establishment, equipment, maintenance and operation of the lifeboat and life saving station at Seal Cove in the Bay of Fundy, also a copy of all instructions issued to Captain Lugal in connection with the inquiry into the wreck of the S. S. Hestia and of the findings and report on said inquiry."

In moving for this he recalled the circumstances of the loss of the Hestia. Ten minutes after sighting the Gannet Rock light she struck the Old Proprietor ledge, having passed within thirty or forty feet of the buoy placed to guard against this very reef. When aids to navigation get out of order it is the practice to notify mariners in monthly bulletins. He dwelt

on the dangerous nature of the Old Proprietor reef, and noted the Marine Department's refusal to build a lighthouse there; the department, however, put down about a mile away an automatic lighting and whistling buoy which was regularly listed and charted. It was one of the most important aids to navigation in the Bay of Fundy. Had it been in working order the 39 lives would have been saved. Those who lost their lives were the victims of the indifference, the incapacity or the inaction of the responsible officer of the Marine Department.

More Important Work.
The acting agent at St. John knew on January 22 that the buoy was not working. He put in an advertisement in several St. John newspapers, three insertions saying that it would be attended to. It was not attended to for ten months. The minister had said that "weather conditions and press of more important work" had prevented this being done, for ten months; but a week after the Hestia wreck in stormy November, the buoy had been towed to Partridge Island and tested.

One excuse put forward had been that the agent did not wish to send the steamer Lansdowne, on which she had several jobs. Dr. Daniel invited Mr. Brodeur's attention to the extraordinary statement. As for the excuse about "weather conditions" the past few years have been particularly fine. As for "more important work" the Grand Manan is one of the most dangerous spots in the Bay of Fundy and the Lansdowne had laid idle at her dock in fine weather day after day.

Dr. Daniel dwelt on the importance of the trade of St. John and the Bay of Fundy.

Captain Looked In Vain.
He went on to quote from statements by survivors showing that the captain of the Hestia was looking for the buoy which had not been working for ten months and which was listed as being in working order. The conduct of the keeper of the Gannet Rock lighthouse also came in for comment.

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ARICHAIR GIRL STILL PUZZLES BOSTON POLICE

Accused Slayer Of Clarence F. Glover Successfully Eludes Detectives—Searchers In Quandary.

THIRD PERSON MAY BE IMPLICATED

Waltham, Mass., Nov. 22.—Utterly unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain a clue to the disappearance of Miss Hattie LeBlanc, of West Arichair, C. B., the young domestic accused by Clarence F. Glover in his dying statement Saturday night of having shot him, the police tonight confessed themselves practically at a standstill in their investigations. Relatives of the young woman have been interviewed during the day but all have denied having seen her since the shooting. The fact that the girl has vanished so completely, leaving no trace whatever of her movements, has had the effect of strengthening a theory held by some of the police investigators that a third person was present when Glover received his fatal wound. It is believed that someone must have supplied the young woman with money to make her escape from the scene of the tragedy and go into hiding as it is regarded as extremely unlikely that she carried more than a small amount of cash habitually.

One of Gave Up Position.
Some hope has been expressed by the police that after the first shock of the death of her husband, had passed, Mrs. Glover might be able to give them some clue which would lead to a clearing-up of the mystery, but after a long interview with the widow to that effect, Inspector Wm. McKenna said he had learned nothing of consequence.

The funeral of Mr. Glover will be held tomorrow afternoon.

ST. STEPHEN AGENT CHARGED WITH THEFT

\$450 Claimed To Be Shortage Of Local Manufacturers' Agents—The Death Roll At Calais.

St. Stephen, N. B., Nov. 22.—While driving up Water street this forenoon Herbert Maxwell was thrown from his wagon by a collision with another team. His head struck on the car rail and those who picked him up believed him to be dead. He was taken into the F. Smith drug store and after a time restored to consciousness and has since been able to resume his work.

Capt. S. Ashford, a retired sea captain and well known citizen, of Calais, died very suddenly in his home in this city this morning.

He was 76 years of age and was well known and respected all along the Atlantic coast. He had suffered for some years with heart trouble.

Winslow S. Ditch, one of the first conductors on the old Grand Southern railway, died at his home in Calais this morning after an illness of some months with paralysis. He was 71 years of age and is survived by one son.

A general agent of the Slinger Sewing Machine Co. has been in town for a few days and has caused the arrest of Herman Thompson, a local agent, charged with a shortage amounting to about \$450.

GOMPERS PAYS RE- SPECTS TO LAWYERS

New York, N. Y., Nov. 22.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, paid his respects to the legal profession today at the opening session of the National Civic Federation's annual meeting. He was discussing the need in this country of new laws to cover the subject of employers' liability and to provide adequate compensation to wage earners injured by accidents.

The lawyers will prevent our getting the best and wisest law in this matter," he said. "I doubt if there be any who have greater reverence for the constitution than the lawyers, but it seems exceedingly peculiar that the constitution should be usually held up as a barrier to the economic and material progress of the workers. All we can hope for is a little pro-

LORD LOREBURN HURLS GAUNTLET IN UPPER HOUSE

BIG FRAUD IS UNEARTHED AT GRAND FALLS

Continuation Of Syrians Work Prominent Fines For \$25,000—The Arrest Made—Others Implicated.

THE STORY OF THE SWINDLE IN DETAIL

Fredericton, Nov. 22.—Private detectives and other officers of the law all over eastern Canada have been engaged for some weeks past on a gigantic fraud case in which a combination of Syrians working with Grand Falls, N. B., as their headquarters, have obtained goods to the value of upwards of \$25,000.

Already an arrest has been made in the case, several thousand dollars worth of goods having been seized and detectives are scouring Boston, New York and other American cities in an endeavor to locate those who are concerned with William J. Ayoub the man now under arrest, in the perpetration of the alleged fraud.

Those alleged to be interested with William J. Ayoub in the perpetration of the fraud are Kalib Aboud, Mr. Moses, M. J. Ayoub and E. S. Cowell, all residents of Woodstock and Houlton, Me., and several of whom were witnesses in the David murder trial here several years ago. They are now sought by detectives.

The Firms Affected.
The firms defrauded include William Croft and Sons, Toronto; Roy and Darbeau, Quebec; Mitchell Woolen Mills, Mitchell, Ont.; White's Ltd., Ottawa; J. Eveleigh and Co., Montreal; J. J. Murphy, Halifax; Kaplan, Shane and Co., St. John, and many others, making a total of between 30 and 40 creditors in all.

Some months ago Ayoub and his associates ordered goods to the value of \$25,000 or more from the firms buying the goods mostly on 30 days credit, and when the time was up the drafts were not paid. Some of the firms then became suspicious and warrants for seizure under the Absconding Debtors Act were issued. It then developed that most of the goods which had been shipped to Grand Falls, had been re-shipped away by Ayoub and his associates to various places, and in many cases to fictitious addresses, some of the goods not even being opened before re-shipment.

The idea was apparently to have agents at the various places to get the goods at the various places to which they were re-shipped and later to sell them and escape the trouble of paying for them.

Ayoub Arrested.
Later on the arrest of Ayoub followed at Canterbury, York County, and he is now out on \$1,000 bail.

In the meantime Mr. J. J. Gallagher a Grand Falls lawyer, was put to work on the case in the interests of the creditors and he found the addresses to which some of the goods had been re-shipped. He also found that the goods in the first place had been shipped largely to K. S. Aboud at Grand Falls and also learned that Aboud had re-shipped some of the goods, but now Aboud claims that his name was used without his knowledge in the matter and denies any connection with it.

However, some of the goods were shipped into York County from Grand Falls by the scheming Syrians and Deputy Sheriff Geo. H. Winter was engaged to handle the York County end of the case and recently succeeded in cleaning up his work in a manner which has won much commendation. At Canterbury he found that five cases of goods had been shipped to E. Miron at that place. The goods had been taken from the station by a man employed by M. Moses, who is now being sought by detectives, and had been stored at the homes of Thomas English, a party named McNeeley and another man named Jamie son. Acting under a warrant that had been issued Deputy Sheriff Winter seized the goods and with Constable S. Grant and E. Hugley made an inventory and shipped them to Sheriff Howe and they are now stored at the county jail.

Montreal Detectives Here.
Recently Detective Little of the Thiel Detective Agency was here from Montreal working on the case, and representatives of J. J. Murphy of Halifax, and Kaplan, Shane & Co., of St. John, have been here during the past few days and have identified goods seized by Deputy Sheriff Winter and now stored at the jail as some of those obtained by the Syrians from them.

Further developments in the case are awaited with interest. W. J. Ayoub's case will come up again in the police court at Grand Falls on December 7th, and by that time the prosecution expects to have some sensational evidence to bring out.

For the present let us be satisfied with establishing some semblance of the justice which is demanded by such disasters as this most recent one at Cherry, Ill., the justice that would take from the shoulders of the workers the risk and burden of these losses.

Lord High Chancellor Electrifies Peers in Declaration of Future Liberal Policy.

Crown Must Appoint Sufficient Number of Lords To Hold Balance of Power.

London, Nov. 22.—The main interest in the historical debate in the House of Lords on the budget centred on a grave declaration of the Liberal policy which fell from Lord Loreburn, Lord High Chancellor, in the course of an eloquent peroration. Deliberately pausing and adjusting his glasses, he read slowly from a piece of paper: "It is my opinion that it is impossible that any Liberal government can ever again bear the heavy burden of office unless it is secured against a repetition of treatment such as our measures have had to undergo for the last four years."

This statement had an electrical effect upon the Liberal members of the House of Commons who crowded the public galleries. Quitting the galleries, they surged into the lobbies in a state of excitement, with the conviction that they had heard the government's last word before the general election, that Premier Asquith will make a similar declaration in the House of Commons next week and that the long-delayed campaign against the Lords has now begun in real earnest. It was held that Lord Loreburn's statement can only mean that no Liberal leader will henceforth accept office unless he receives a pledge from the crown that sufficient peers will be appointed on the premier's nomination to secure the House of Commons against interference by the House of Lords in financial matters.

Moved Rejection.
London, Nov. 22.—After the Earl of Crewe, Lord Privy Seal had formally moved the second reading of the bill, without comment, Lord Lansdowne, leader of the Opposition, who was so hoarse that he could scarcely be heard, immediately moved its rejection.

He quoted precedents to show that although the House of Lords could not amend a finance bill, it had full right to discuss it and to throw it out if so willed. Besides, the present bill, he argued, had tacked on to it legislation, as land taxation and increased license duties, which the House of Lords had already rejected and which had been placed in the bill with a view to ousting the Lords from their legitimate opportunity of dealing with these measures.

No self-respecting second chamber would tolerate such treatment.

Home Rule.
What, he asked, was to prevent home rule being introduced in the finance bill? There was no objection to such a measure because they were crushing in their severity; the same applied to land taxes. The people, he said, not having been consulted, had a clear duty, not to decree the final extinction of the bill, but to insist that before it became law the country should be allowed an expression of opinion. The Lords had carefully considered the consequences of the rejection of the bill and were ready to face them.

Lord Loreburn replied contending that there was nothing in the bill for deal to finance, with which the House of Commons had the exclusive right to deal. The attempt of the Lords to interfere, he declared, was the beginning of a system which would lead to constitutional revolution. What was embodied in the bill was not new either in the United States or Germany and had been approved not only by the present but by the late House of Commons.

After the lord high chancellor, many peers addressed the House, but interest waned. The Duke of Norfolk, who supported Lord Lansdowne's resolution, confessed that the Lords had a serious and anxious problem to face, but that should not daunt them in performing their duty.

WALKED OVER WHARF AND WAS DROWNED

Coroner's Jury Reach Verdict In Case Of Edward Chase At Fredericton—The Toll Of a Darkened Wharf.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 22.—At the coroner's inquest into the death of Edward Chase whose body was found in the river by an Indian yesterday, the jury returned the finding that he fell over the Star Line wharf on the night of October 8th. The same recommendation as often made before was repeated, viz: That a light should be placed at the wharf for the protection of the public. Within the past few years five men have walked over the same wharf.