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A Scene of Wild Excitement in the Commons.

Churchill's Scathing Denouncement of the Government

For Its Course in the Times-Parnell Matter.

Salisbury Opposed to a Legal Reduction of the Hours of Labor.

The Labor Conference.

LONDON, March 12.—The Vatican will not be represented at the Berlin Labor Conference.

The Anglo-Roman Catholic Bank.

ROME, March 12.—The Popolo Romano has a London telegram stating that the Marquis of Bute will be president of the Anglo-Roman Catholic Bank. The central office will be in London and there will be branches in a number of cities.

Salisbury on the Short Day Question.

BERLIN, March 12.—The correspondence between Germany and Great Britain relative to the scope of the International Labor Conference has been made public. In his letters on the subject Lord Salisbury declined to favor any scheme looking to a legal reduction of the hours of labor.

Not Guilty.

LONDON, March 12.—Elizabeth Vincent, arrested at Richmond for attempting to murder Lewis H. Isaacs, member of Parliament, was tried yesterday. Isaacs testified that the paper he refused to sign, which refusal, it is alleged, led to the shooting, was a document admitting he seduced defendant by violence. He asked the court to deal leniently with Miss Vincent, as he was exceedingly fond of her and had a passionate love for their child. Dr. Coker testified that he heard Miss Vincent threaten to shoot Isaacs and all his family and then commit suicide. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The Colliery Disaster in Wales.

LONDON, March 12.—The fire which followed the explosion in the Morsa colliery Glamorganshire, Wales, has become so fierce that the parties who were searching for the dead have been compelled to withdraw from the mines. The fire is spreading. There is no hope of recovering the bodies, but there are plenty of volunteers trying to subdue the flames and reach the victims. Seventy-five per cent. of the families were married and leave large families. The latest estimate is that at least 100 were killed.

LONDON, March 12.—Queen Victoria, the Lord Mayor of London and others have sent telegrams expressing sympathy with the families of the Morsa colliery victims. Nineteen bodies have been recovered from the mines.

Churchill Criticised.

LONDON, March 12.—The Times says Lord Randolph Churchill in an endeavor to pay off old scores has perpetrated another of those blunders by which he contrived to squander the great opportunities of a wide popularity placed at his command.

The Daily Telegraph thinks Lord Randolph Churchill when cooler will admit that the adjectives he applied to Pigott were more forcible than polished and rather spoiled his powerful philippic.

The Chronicle expresses a similar opinion, and says the speech was disfigured by rant.

Lord Randolph Churchill, Stavely Hall, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Caine and Mr. Grey voted for Mr. Caine's amendment. Mr. Jennings, Mr. Handbury, T. W. Russell, Mr. Heneage and Mr. Caldwell abstained from voting. Fifty Dissidents supported the Government.

Roasted by Randy.

LONDON, March 12.—In the House of Commons last evening Lord Randolph Churchill resumed the debate on the report of the Parnell Commission. He said the proceedings were vitiated by their thoroughly unconstitutional character. (Cheers from the Opposition.) The Government, to ascertain the truth of criminal charges against its political opponents, discarded and set aside the ordinary law of the land. (Parnellite cheers.) The Government decided to place political opponents on trial on criminal charges without the protection which a jury would give. (Cheers.) The Government nominated the tribunal so that the accused would have no voice in selecting and challenging the jury. The Government inflicted a pecuniary fine on its opponents amounting to £40,000. He defied any lawyer to show a precedent or parallel for anything approaching the Government's action. (Parnellite cheers.) He appealed to the House to vote against proceedings so utterly unique and unprecedented. Never within a century and a-half had any public man been exposed to such tests and trials as had Mr. Parnell. (Parnellite cheers.) Lord Randolph denounced the Government for its ruthless use of the closure in forcing through the act creating the commission when its party in 1882 had resisted closure. No minister, he said, could now accuse him of inconsistency. What had been the result of this mountainous parturition? A reptile monster, Pigott. (Parnellite cheers.) What had been the delivery, with their skill and parliamentary instruments? A ghastly, bloody, rotten fœtus—Pigott! Pigott!! Pigott!!! (Parnellite cheers.) The report condemned the Parnellites on certain charges. Did it condemn the Times? If the Government insisted upon its motion he would insist upon his right to vote to condemn, not only the Parnellites, but also the Times, which had been found guilty of an atrocious and unexampled libel and slander.

Mr. Chamberlain defended the Government's action. He claimed the commission was the best tribunal to conduct the inquiry, and the allegations against it were baseless.

Mr. Jennings then withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Labouchere said he expected to see Lord Randolph Churchill blossom into a genuine Radical. He accused the Government of abetting the scheme to bribe some one to produce the document incriminating Parnell.

Mr. Goschen repudiated Lord Randolph Churchill's statement that the Government acted unconstitutionally.

While he was defending the impartiality of the judges, the Parnellites shouted "Pigott! Pigott!" etc. Continuous interruptions followed. There was great laughter at Mr. Goschen's admission that the Government might have been indiscreet, but has never adopted the forgeries as political stock-in-trade. He asserted that Le Caron was employed in the secret service under the Liberal Government.

Mr. Fowler, who was then Secretary of the Treasury, rose twice and angrily protested that he could know nothing of such matters.

A scene of most intense excitement, lasting several minutes followed. Mr. Goschen taunted Mr. Sexton in reference to the Salisbury letter, and both rose to their feet and neither would give way. Mr. Sexton and the Parnellites hurled such epithets as "coward," etc.

Mr. Goschen defended himself with the reproach that the attacks of the Opposition were based upon information which they themselves had purchased.

Amid shouts of "Adjourn!" "Adjourn!" and calls of "Morley!"

Mr. Caine (Liberal Unionist) moved an amendment, condemning the Times.

Mr. Morley congratulated him on his courage, and said he would support the amendment.

Mr. Smith invoked closure.

Mr. Caine's amendment was defeated—321 to 259.

Mr. Smith's motion with reference to the commissioners' report, was then agreed to amid Ministerial cheers.

CURRENT CONDENSATIONS.

CANADIAN.

The Manitoba Tax Bill, disallowed by the Dominion Government, will be re-enacted.

Patrick McCaffrey, aged 60 years, was struck by a special at Quebec Tuesday and killed.

It is probable that "A" Battery will be transferred this year either to Quebec or Victoria, B. C.

A statement of the affairs of McCraney & Wilson, lumber merchants, Toronto, shows liabilities $47,948, assets $28,932.

Mr. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, was sworn in as a solicitor on Tuesday at Toronto, before Mr. Justice Robertson.

The Toronto Esplanade Committee have decided that the solution of the improvement of the Esplanade is the erection of a viaduct.

A sentence of three months' imprisonment was passed on Mary Ann Mounteroy, of Northumberland county, Tuesday for manslaughter.

Sir Daniel Wilson has received a resolution expressing sympathy in the destruction of the University passed by the Canadian Club of Harvard University.

Mrs. Edith Griffiths was taken from a train at Buffalo on Monday evening, suffering from convulsions. She had a ticket from Paris, Ont., to New York.

Ex-Mayor Cormier, of Aylmer, Q., has assigned. Liabilities large. The assignment was made on the demand of the Ontario Government for non-payment of timber dues.

A convention of the Equal Rights Association of East Durham, at Millbrook, nominated Geo. Campbell, ex-warden of Northumberland and Durham, for the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. P. Purcell, M.P., has contributed $500 towards endowment of Queen's University. A scholarship bearing P. Purcell's name has been founded, which permits the attendance of one student, who is to be named from year to year by the donor, free of class fees.

In the trial of the St. George disaster cases at Toronto Tuesday, defendants' application for a non-suit was not entertained, the Judge deciding that there was sufficient evidence on every point to warrant the case being sent to the jury. The defense was then proceeded with.

Eliza Pappy, a girl employed as a domestic in a Halifax hotel, died Monday night from the effects of being accidentally burned on Sunday. She was sitting near the fire holding an infant, when her clothes became ignited. Before the flames could be extinguished she was horribly burned.

The case of the corporation of Montreal against the butchers who refused to pay a special yearly tax of $200 each, has been decided by the Sureme Court at Ottawa in favor of the city. The sum involved will be some $40,000 to $50,000, and the law costs will probably reach $4,000.

Nova Scotia's financial returns show an expenditure on revenue account of $717,941, leaving a deficit of $45,767. In addition to this there was expended on capital account, $807,450. Premier Fielding introduced a bill in the Legislature authorizing the Government to borrow $300,000 for expenditure on roads.

A horrible story comes from Johnstown, near Barrington, Que., on the border line. A man named Hall, married and with a family, was laid up with a bad attack of influenza. He got better, but still continued weak and was subject to delusions, among others, that his wife had been living in unfaithfulness for years, and that he was not the father of her children. Last week the man was discovered in a neighboring wood in a state of insensibility. He had horribly mutilated himself and hacked his chest and throat with a razor. He was conveyed home, where he died.

AMERICAN.

An English syndicate is said to have an option on all the Columbia River salmon canneries but three. The transaction involves $1,000,000.

Sir Thomas Esmonde has arrived at New Orleans en route from Australia to London. He said he had collected $150,000 in the colonies for the Irish cause.

The Killey gas well on the hill west of Marion, Ill., has got beyond control. There is rising from the pipe a volume of fire and water which defies all efforts to control it.

Judge McComas, who signed the warrant for the execution of John Brown, died Tuesday at Fort Scott, Kansas, aged 74. He was Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, when Brown was hanged.

Napier Notes.

[From the ADVERTISER'S Correspondent.]

Miss Bertha Bateman, of Christina, who was visiting at the residence of Mr. R. Dunlop, has returned to her home.

Miss Bella Sutherland is visiting friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Decatur, of Hamilton, is visiting at her father's residence.

Miss Mary Pomeroy, who was visiting at the residence of Dr. Nixon, has returned to her home in Highgate.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Mr. James Dodd. Though not a citizen, he was well known and highly respected by all who knew him, and the many friends of the family heartily sympathize with them in their sad bereavement.

AMALGAMATION

Discussed Before the Private Bills Committee.

Straight-Out Amalgamation Carried, 17 to 15.

Proposition to Submit the Matter to Vote Defeated.

Mr. Richard Tooley, M.P.P., on the Fence.

TORONTO, Wednesday, March 12.—There was a lively meeting of the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature this morning, when an act respecting the city of London was considered. The sections specially referring to the legislation asked for the city only was unopposed.

THE FIGHT

took place on the sections providing for the amalgamation of London South with the city. Large delegations were present, one on each side.

W. R. Meredith, M.P.P., city solicitor, briefly explained the proposed legislation. He was followed by Mr. Charles Hutchinson, county crown attorney, who opposed the measure.

Mr. E. K. Cameron, barrister, appeared on behalf of a large body of taxpayers in London South favoring amalgamation. He read the opinion of the deputy returning officer which showed that the Badgerow Act in regard to providing independent waterworks was not intended to apply to a supply such as that which the antis say can be obtained for London South.

W. J. Clarke, barrister, discussed the question at length, contending that the terms were not equitable.

Deputy-Reeve Pritchett (Westminster) explained that his election was solely carried on the question of amalgamation.

DELAY PROPOSED.

Mr. Waters (North Middlesex) thought that as parties were about equally divided further action should be delayed.

Mr. Dance (West Elgin) coincided with the last member.

Mr. Tooley on motion was excused from voting. He explained that there was no politics in the matter and that he would be satisfied either way. He had confidence that the decision of the committee and the chairman (Hon. Mr. Gibson), who was a member of the Government, guided by truth and righteousness, would be a correct one.

THE VOTE.

The vote was then taken as between the two questions: (1) "Shall London South be amalgamated with the city?" and (2) "Shall amalgamation carry subject to a popular vote of the district affected?"

Amalgamation was carried by a vote of 17 years to 15 nays.

A Gambler's Dual Crime.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, March 12.—Andrew Honk, a gambler, last evening shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Kittie Bowers and then committed suicide. Honk was madly in love with Mrs. Bowers, but she did not reciprocate.

The Exodus.

TORONTO, March 12.—The third large C. P. R. excursion party for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories left the Union Station last evening. The train was run in three sections, a colonist sleeper being attached to each. Fully 100 passengers and twenty cars of effects were disposed of in this manner, besides 118 passengers who went on the regular train.

A Halton Clergyman Insane.

HAMILTON, Ont., March 12.—A young Methodist minister named Wm. H. Eadle, pastor of a church in Trafalgar, Halton county, was arrested here yesterday on the charge of insanity. He preached to his congregation last Sunday and had been visiting friends in Oakville. His actions in the latter place excited suspicion that his mind was deranged. His friends in Burford will take him home. Eadie was considered a very promising young minister. His insanity is hereditary.

Suicide at Cobourg.

COBOURG, Ont., March 12.—Yesterday Frank J. Allen committed suicide by deliberately blowing his brains out with a 32-caliber revolver. It is supposed, from the position he was lying in when discovered, that he stood before a mirror in his bedroom, placed the revolver to his right temple and pulled the trigger. The ball crashed through the brain and lodged against the opposite side of the skull. It is evident that the unfortunate man took his own life on account of business troubles. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his loss.

The Amherstburg Fire.

AMHERSTBURG, March 12.—The Council held a meeting Monday evening and adjourned at 9:30. The janitor put out the lights and went home at the usual hour and retired, and about 1 a.m. was aroused by the cry of fire. The brigade responded quickly, but owing to the lack of water it was impossible to save the fine structure. There is nothing standing but the brick walls. The building was constructed in 1880 and cost about $16,000, and was the finest in the county. It was insured for $5,000 in the British America and City of London Fire Insurance Companies. Incendiarism is suspected.

Oxford Assizes.

WOODSTOCK, March 12.—At the Oxford Assizes which opened here Monday there were only eight jury and three non-jury cases entered for trial. His Lordship was presented with the white gloves indicative of an empty jail. The case of Murray vs. Carthrop, action for seduction, was dismissed, the plaintiff's solicitor not being ready to proceed.

Story vs. Dean, an action for slander, was called. The plaintiff, at the time the slanders complained of were uttered, was a school teacher in the township of North Dorchester, and the defendant a school trustee for the district. The slander consisted of statements made to different persons by the defendant that he had seen Story, the plaintiff, drunk. A verdict was returned in plaintiff's favor for $10.

Peacock vs. Burgess, an interpleader issue, was referred to the local master to take the account.

The case of Warnock vs. the Union Loan and Savings Company was a claim of $300 for wages. The plaintiff was foreman at the Russell foundry, Ingersoll, and on the failure of the Russells was placed in charge of the building and plant by the assignee. Subsequently he was further engaged by a Mr. Sutherland, who had some interest in the establishment, at $2 50 per day to look after it. The Union Loan Company being also interested in the concern, undertook, through their solicitor's agent, to pay half of Warnock's salary, but claimed to have terminated the engagement in March, 1888. The plaintiff's claim was for 240 days subsequent to that date at $1 25 per day, and the jury found a verdict for the full amount claimed.

JOHN DILLON'S TRIP.

The Home Rule Sentiment in Australia —Gladstone's Work.

DENVER, Col., March 12.—John Dillon is at Castle Rock on a month's visit to his brother, William Dillon. Speaking of the success of his trip to Australia, Mr. Dillon said it was remarkable; everywhere we went, he said, we were enthusiastically received. There were some opposition to us but it was confined to Orange sections. In New Zealand there were many Scotchmen and Englishmen among our best friends. In Wellington a counter demonstration was organized, but it was a fiasco. When asked if he thought England was on the eve of a general election he replied: "I really cannot say. The Government party has still a majority of 83, and can have no very great desire to commit suicide, for a general election would mean its death."

"Then you are confident Mr. Gladstone would return from the country triumphant?"

"There's no doubt about it."

In speaking of Scotland's conversion to home rule, he said, "I attribute this solely to Gladstone. He opened the way and Scotland is ready to hear us."

CHANCE FOR A RACKET.

Insult to the British Flag, and Alleged Violation of British Seamen's Rights.

TACOMA, Wash., March 12.—International complications are likely to grow out of an incident that has taken place here, practically involving insult to the British flag and a possible violation of the rights of British subjects. The crew of a British vessel, the Craigend, deserted the ship, and although they were not to be paid till their return to Liverpool they brought an action in a justice's court to recover their wages. Justice of the Peace Patrick issued a writ of attachment against the vessel, and a deputy constable was put in charge. Yesterday Capt. Hamilton went ashore and left Edwin Hamilton in command. Edwin Hamilton went ashore and hired a gang of men to put a lining in the ship. When he returned, Deputy Constable Von Bibber, thinking the new force was to help get possession of the ship, hauled in the ladder to prevent Hamilton from coming aboard. Hamilton threw a plank from the wharf to the rail, but as he was about midway of the plank Von Bibber jerked it from its place and landed Hamilton in the water, injuring him so that he is confined to his bed. The local officers thinking it was too warm for them on board took the ship's compass and chronometer and went ashore. These articles, being British property, were seized by the customs officer and the constable was charged with smuggling. The British consul at Port Townsend will investigate the matter. The case has been reported to the State Department as Washington.

WORK AND WAGES.

Troubles of Railway Brakemen and Switchmen.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 12.—The strike of yard switchmen and brakemen in the Pittsburg and Lake Erie yards has been completely broken.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Four hundred switchmen in the yards of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company here have struck because the company refused to discharge an objectionable foreman. After all the trains had been delayed for several hours the company transferred the foreman to another position and the switchmen resumed work.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

—A. McIntyre, general store, Lucknow, has assigned.

—The Grand Jury at the Oxford Assizes Thursday declared their approbation of the recent poorhouse legislation.

—Rev. C. Stafford, Walkerton Ont., has accepted the call to McDougall Methodist Church, Winnipeg, rendered vacant by the death of Rev. Enos Langford.

Smothered Under a Straw Stack.

BRIGHT, Ont., March 12.—A fatal accident occurred two miles from Bright yesterday. Geo. Hammond, a hired man with Isaac Hewitt, had got onto a straw stack to throw down some straw, when it fell, burying him. When found life was extinct. He was born in London, Eng., and was 18 years of age. He came from the Boys' Home at Stratford.

Henry Villard's Latest Scheme.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 12.—Thos. Lowery, the Minneapolis street railway magnate, stated here last evening that Harry Villard would reach Minneapolis Saturday to take the first steps toward turning the immense force in the Falls of St. Anthony into electricity to furnish motive power for heating and lighting Minneapolis and St. Paul. Mr. Lowery said Villard was in a position to use for this purpose an immense amount of American and German money, and that the English syndicate controlling Meeker Island is with him also. An arrangement has been made between Villard and Lowery to run the entire street car plant of St. Paul and Minneapolis by electricity.

Steamers Arrived.

March 11.	Reported at.	From.
Friesland	New York	Antwerp
Rugia	Southampton	New York
Nevada	New York	Liverpool
Anchoria	Moville	New York
Sardinian	Portland	Liverpool
March 12.		
Teutonic	Queenstown	New York

The Grand Trunk announces a cut in rates to western points as follows: First-class, Detroit to St. Paul and Minneapolis, now $16 75, formerly $19 25; Atchison, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Leavenworth, Council Bluffs, Omaha and Missouri Valley Junction, now $15 75, formerly from $20 15 up to $20 50; Sioux City, now $17 95, formerly, $22 55; Duluth, now $20 75, formerly $21 30. Second-class rates are reduced in proportion.

THE BLENHEIM TRAGEDY

Coolness and Indifference of Birchell.

His Connection With Mellerish — He Was a Theatrical Manager—Mrs. Birchell to be Prosecuted.

WOODSOCK, Ont., March 12.—Mr. C. D. Ivey, of the firm of Hellmuth & Ivey, of London, was in town yesterday to secure a copy of the evidence at the coroner's inquest, with the intention of going to Toronto to argue before the Attorney-General the case against Mrs. Birchell. Mr. Ivey takes the same view as P. M. Hill, of Niagara Falls, that the duty of a wife is to succor and defend her husband, and therefore Mrs. Birchell could not be an accessory after the fact.

In reference to reports current to the effect that the telegram which was represented as coming from Pickthall was not from him, Mrs. Pickthall states that she has just received a letter from her husband, dated Tucson, Arizona, 2nd March. There is nothing in the letter which in anywise connects him with Birchell. The report that Pickthall was in any way implicated with Birchell in a complication with a girl is discredited by all Pickthall's friends.

MRS. BIRCHELL'S CASE.

WOODSTOCK, March 12.—Mr. Ball denies that it is the intention not to press the charge against Mrs. Birchell. He says that while the evidence against her is not strong as yet, she will be held for trial. Mr. Ivey, of the firm of Hellmuth & Ivey, who are taking the defense of the prisoners, will make an appeal to the Attorney-General to have Mrs. Birchell admitted to bail. There is a strong feeling here in favor of allowing the unfortunate woman to go with the punishment she has already suffered in consequence of the revelations of the past week.

BIRCHELL'S COOLNESS.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., March 12.—Birchell's behavior since the morning of his arrest is a marvel of callous indifference. And yet indifference seems hardly the word by which to express his extraordinary demeanor. His actions are more like those of a child, as if his intelligence had not yet matured and he had no realization of the awful shadow which is hanging about his head.

Chief of Police Thomas Young, who made the arrest, says that he found Birchell in bed at the time. He was awake and had breakfasted with his wife in his room. When the Chief was admitted and announced his errand, the prisoner replied, "All right," as he might have said, "How d'ye do," and calmly, leisurely got up and completed his toilet. He did not utter another word, nor even ask the officer why he had been pounced upon. For three days he sat in Chief Magistrate Hill's court room, during the Clifton preliminaries, without the slightest suspicion of concern depicted either in his manner or in his countenance. He laughed as heartily as anybody in the court room when there was anything to laugh at, and while the witness (Hay) was looking keenly at him. During his hearing he amused himself by writing imaginary lines upon the air and examining his well-kept fingernails.

HURRIED TO JAIL.

He was handcuffed when he started from the Clifton prison to the Welland jail, and as they took him through the street he heard the screech of an engine down the river. He started on a run for the station, pulling his attendant along with him. "Hurry! Hurry!" he cried out. "We shall miss it if you don't." The train he was eager to catch was to bear him away to the felon's cell. On the way up to Welland Chief Young got on the cars and sat beside him. The prisoner began talking of his escapades. Macdonald, the man whom he had palmed off to Benwell and Pelly as his manager in Woodstock, and who had called him a "dead beat" to his face in court, he referred to as a "rum 'un." Then he prattled away about the gullibility of the people in Ontario. He treated the whole thing as a huge joke and laughed at the performance. Never once since his incarceration has the accused referred to the murder, and he has parried every approach to the subject by some inconsequential answer. Since his arrest Birchell has never changed the suit of clothes in which he dressed himself that morning, and he has not been shaved during the week. He is not allowed to read a newspaper, and has not been apprised of the Coroner's verdict.

A THEATRICAL MANAGER.

An examination of Birchell's private papers, establishes beyond a doubt the partnership of the man T. S. Mellerish, who assisted Birchell in securing his victims. Among his letters is a batch which includes the names of such well-known theatrical people as Fred Leslie, of the London Gaiety Company; Ellen Terry, Minnie Palmer; Bancroft, Sarah Bernhardt, and a dozen others. These are all autograph letters and were written to arrange dates for professional sittings for portraits with the firm of Mayall & Co., London. Birchell, it seems, was employed by the photographers, and to him fell the task of arranging the sitting with various distinguished patrons. His salary was then a trifle less than $50 a month. At the same time he was something of a dog fancier, a competitor in a horse show and a general all-round sport. His papers show exhibitors' tickets for a prize bulldog, Bill, at a bench show, and a pony at some sort of an equine exhibition.

MELLERISH.

But the most important documentary evidence in Birchell's tin dispatch-box are the letters from Mellerish in relation to the advertisements they had inserted in the London newspapers to ensure victims. Mellerish, who is a member of the National Union Club, was the man whose name appears as the advertiser, and he received the letters from inquirers. These he turned over to Birchell for investigation when he did not happen to be able to interrogate the writer personally. Here is a copy of one of Mellerish's letters to Birchell, under date of Feb. 4, 1890.

No. 2 SOUTHFIELD VILLA, CHELTENHAM.

I enclose a copy of one more answer to the advertisement. I suggest that you have an interview with him Monday and find out what he wants. Please report progress. Sincerely,

T. S. MELLERISH.

IN THE TRAP.

At this time Benwell and Pelley had been caught in the trap, and arrangements had been made to sail for the mythical American farm, but Birchell suddenly notified them that he must have a few more days to complete a business matter. It is believed that the investigation of the new applicant, mentioned by Mellerish, as the reason for Birchell's delay. He probably hoped to gather in a third victim. Along with the other letters from Mellerish are frequent references to the advertisements and his dealings with the persons who answered them.

Birchell had half a dozen different business and visiting cards, one of which reads: "Reg. Birchell, manager, Child of the West Company—Miss Edith Temple." That Birchell was a theatrical manager at one time is borne out by a quantity of letters from the owners and lessees of various London theaters. Another letter refers to the death of Birchell's father, the Rev. Joseph Birchell, of Briscote or Buscote Rectory, Lechdale, Gloucestershire, and some details concerning the settlement of the will. From these it appears that Birchell received a patrimony of about $1,500.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. HELLMUTH.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 12.—Mr. Hellmuth, of the law firm of Hellmuth & Ivey, was interviewed by a reporter here. His present efforts, he said, were confined mainly to preventing, if possible, the incarceration of Mrs. Birchell in the Woodstock jail to-morrow. He considers there is not a tittle of evidence to support the finding of the coroner's jury as to the woman having been an accessory after the fact to her husband's alleged crime. "As to the evidence taken before the jury," said Mr. Hellmuth, "it must be borne in mind that only such testimony was submitted as would tend to strengthen the case presumed by the detectives against Birchell." In the course of further conversation with the attorney it was learned that at the approaching trial the method of identification by witnesses for the Crown would be strongly objected to. It is said that to identify Birchell among a number of persons the witnesses were confronted with him alone in his cell.

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THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, March 11—11 p.m.—The shallow depression is situated to-night over the lake region, and the pressure is comparatively high off the Atlantic coast and in the far West. Rain has fallen generally in Ontario and Quebec. Minimum temperatures: Edmonton, 20° below zero; Prince Albert, 16° below; Winnipeg, 8°; Toronto, 34°; Montreal, 30°; Quebec, 12°; Halifax, 24°.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY.

For 24 hours ending 8 p.m.—(Observations taken at 3 a.m., and 8 p.m.: Highest, 49°; lowest, 34°; mean (daily), 43°.

PROBABILITIES.

For the next 24 hours for the lakes: Westerly and northwesterly winds; clearing, preceded by light rains in some localities; stationary or a little lower temperatures.

LONDON WEST.

A very pleasant event took place at the residence of Mrs. Walter Wright, 56 Center street, London West, on the occasion of the marriage of her daughter Mary, to Alex. Leslie, of Canadian Express Company. After the ceremony the company sat down to a sumptuous repast, and a jovial time was spent. The happy couple left amid a shower of rice and old slippers for a short trip to Chicago and other Western points.

LONDON SOUTH.

Last evening a pleasant time was spent at St. James' Rectory by the members of Rev. Canon Davis' Bible class, the senior Mission Band and the choir. Games and social conversation assisted the young people to become acquainted and enjoy themselves, refreshments being served during the evening. The pastor's "At Home" is always looked forward to with pleasure, and is among the most enjoyable events of the season.

The Companions of the Forest will hold a concert in St. James' school house on Thursday, March 27.

EAST LONDON.

Yesterday's Guelph Herald says: The remains of Mrs. Alexander Emslie arrived from London by the 10:30 a.m. train this morning, and were conveyed to the residence of Mr. James Emslie, brother-in-law of the deceased, on Cambridge street, whence the funeral took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon to the family burying ground in the Union Cemetery. The funeral was well attended, the pall-bearers being D. Stirton, A. Bruce, Geo. Bruce, Jas. Tindal, D. Kennedy and T. Dobbie. The deceased was born in the parish of Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in the year 1816. She came to Canada with her husband in 1843, and immediately settled in Guelph. Mr. A. Emslie carried on a clothing business for a number of years in Guelph, and about twenty years ago removed with his family to London, where he has resided ever since.

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