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SIR ROBERT'S NARROW ESCAPE; POLITICAL SENSATION WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., May 1.—The attack on Sir Robert Bond, the former Premier, at Western Bay yesterday, caused a sensation throughout the colony when it became generally known. According to Sir Robert the incident was more serious than at first reported. In a statement today the ex-Premier said that while climbing from the steamer to the wharf at Western Bay, where he intended to address a political rally, he was attacked by a hostile crowd, several of whom kicked him in the chest and knocked him

NOT DEAD, BUT SO REPORTED; LIFE INSURANCE KINRADES ASK FOR INQUEST IN CAMERA

St. Louis, May 2.—Another development in an extraordinary insurance case was revealed on Saturday, when attorneys for the New York Life Insurance Company filed in the United States Circuit Court the deposition of Andrew J. White, a convict in Auburn State prison. White declares that he is George A. Kimmell, cashier of the Farmers' State Bank of Arkansas City, Kas., who disappeared more than ten years ago. The witness tells a graphic story of being drugged and being imprisoned in a house in St. Louis for three weeks. Another paragraph in the letter is denied by Kimmell's relatives, who are suing for insurance money on his life. Kimmell has already been declared dead by the St. Louis Court, but the United States Circuit Court of Appeals declared the evidence insufficient and the judgment against the insurance is annulled. The case against the insurance company is to be tried anew.

BOSTON & MAINE FIREMAN KILLED; HIS LAST TRIP

Sanford, Me., May 1.—In throwing a switch in front of a train, Raymond Collins, of Nashua, N. H., a Boston and Maine fireman, stepped back in the middle of the track and was struck and fatally injured by some cars of another train in the Springfield yards, today. One of his legs was cut off and he received other injuries from which he died while on the train on the way to the Maine General Hospital in Portland. Collins was 28 years old and leaves a wife and two children in Nashua. He had given his notice to the railway company as he intended to engage in other employment and he told the engineer just before they took their engine out of the roundhouse this morning that this was to be his last run. The body will be kept here pending an inquest which will be held Monday.

TORONTO FREE FROM LABOR DIFFICULTIES

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., May 1.—For the first time in many years Toronto has escaped quietly in the local labor circles. There is a good demand for carpenters, and it will be still greater when the weather becomes a little warmer. The members of the unions engaged in the building trade do not hesitate to say they want more money and should get it, but they think it unwise to make any general demand.

SEN. COMEAU'S SON ATTACKED BY SMALLPOX

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 2.—A son of Senator A. H. ComEAU, who arrived from Digby, N. S., last week, has been removed to the isolation hospital here suffering from smallpox. The incident has caused some uneasiness on the Senate side of the Parliament buildings, where young ComEAU spent some time with his father. The Senator's room has been disinfected and he is quarantined at his boarding house.

EX-PRESIDENT AMADIS.

Panama, May 2.—The condition of ex-President Amadis was so serious last night that the attending physician said he could not live 24 hours.

EMPTY CRITICISM OF MR. PUGSLEY'S APOLOGISTS

(From The News of Toronto.)
Complaint is made by Mr. Pugsley that the Royal Commission appointed by the Hazen Government to inquire into the Central Railway expenditure was unduly partisan. It is Mr. Pugsley's privilege to say so, but Senator Ellis' paper, The St. John Globe, does not make such a charge, although the Senator is as much a Liberal as Mr. Pugsley; more, indeed, for he has always been a Liberal. A careful perusal of the Report shows that the Commissioners performed a difficult task with judicious care and inclined to moderation of statement in their conclusions. Partisans are not so careful. But supposing that the Pugsley criticisms were justified. In what way could partisans make a "dead set" upon the Minister of Public-Works? The evidence was not manufactured and surely it did not need any Machiavellian twisting to formulate conclusions. Mr. Pugsley will not deny that he and Mr. Tweedie were the active agents in the Government. He will not deny that they were the head and front of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company. He will not, he cannot deny, that the pretentious list of directors was in one sense a sham, that these men did not contribute a dollar. He will not deny that every cent received by the company was public money voted by the Government of which he and Mr. Tweedie were the chief members. He admitted in his evidence that he took \$5,000 on the mere impression that the company owed him \$9,000. But no testimony was available to show that he ever got the balance, or indeed ever asked for it. It was proved that when Evans & Elkin got from the company slightly more than \$140,000 for the Central Railway, Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Tweedie informed the legislature that \$180,000 was paid. Indeed there is no lack of testimony to show that these two men, and Mr. Pugsley in particular, were, to say the least, "culpably negligent." This is the term used by the Commissioners. But it is more than negligence for a public company existing on public money to keep no books of record. Mr. Pugsley's record in this Central Railway affair is not creditable. His assurance in accusing the Commissioners of partisanship is still less creditable. In view of his low ideals of public service and his looseness in the care of public money, it is amazing that he should be permitted to preside over a great spending department like that of Federal Public Works. The accusations are too serious and the evidence too plain to be dismissed with a wave of the hand and an oily smile.

THE FEARFUL SCENES ENACTED AT ADANA GRAPHICALLY DESCRIBED BY MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF CHRISTIAN GIRLS' SCHOOL

Adana, May 1.—Miss Elizabeth S. Webb, a missionary of the American Board, from Bunker Hill, Ill., has written a narrative of her experiences during the first days of the massacre in Adana when the girls' school to which she was attached was in the greatest danger and the lives of the students were threatened from all sides. She says: "Our friends came to school as usual on Wednesday, April 21. Although we heard that there was a good deal of unrest in the city, we went on with our preparations for a school entertainment, which was to be held the next day. Soon firing began in the city and before noon things were in such a disturbed condition that we were afraid to send the day scholars home. The girls were too excited to study, as there was a constant sound of firing. We, ourselves, tried to go on with our annual meeting, but the rendering of the reports was interrupted by the screaming in the streets and the shooting, which evidently was close at hand. No Guard Sent. Mr. Chambers attempted to go out to the government buildings for a guard, but he found it impossible to get through the mob and was forced to return. Two of our Turkish children were present and we thought it would be possible to send word of our danger by a Turk who had come to take them home. Accordingly notes to their father and to the governor were written, but there was no response. Whether it was a new discovery or not I do not know—that the men in the minaret houses whose fire they had been returning, were Turkish soldiers, and that others who had been firing upon us were friends whom we knew by name. After a good deal of parleying the firing on our building stopped for the time being. Finally, in spite of the fact that the consul had said they must remain until he returned, the guards insisted that they should leave. We urged them to stay, but they climbed the walls and ran away. Continued from page 2.

PREPARATIONS NOW COMPLETE FOR TOMORROW'S EXECUTION

Special to The Standard. Andover, N. B., May 2.—Radcliffe, arrived early last week for the purpose of executing the two condemned Italians, is rather prepossessing in appearance, a large, thickest man with an air of joviality about him which would seem to be out of place in one of his profession, arrayed as he is in nautical garb, the casual spectator would mark him as a sailor, in conversation he is witty and loves to tell reminiscences of his career. Does Not Conceal His Profession. He does not try to conceal his profession, but rather boasts of it. In talking of the present execution he regards it in the same light as a business man does his trade. He does not express any aversion to it, but on the contrary considers it of no importance as far as his own feelings are concerned. He spends the judges and the lawyers as he had if not worse than he is. He regards the law as a huge machine in which he is only a part. The Gallows Erected. The execution will take place Tuesday morning before daylight, the gallows has been erected and prepared for the event; it stands on the west side of the Court House near the cells, but not in view of the cell windows. A high board fence has been built between the Masonic Hall and Court House to keep the public out. The prisoners seem resigned to their fate. They are quiet and spend most of their arrest. They are very pale one end of his cell arranged like a chapel and the greater part of his time is spent there in devotions. Prisoners Changed in Appearance. The condemned men have greatly changed in appearance since the time of their arrest, they are very pale

HALIFAX HAD A WET MOVING DAY

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., May 2.—A severe electric storm, accompanied by wind and rain held Halifax in its grasp Saturday night. Rain began to fall early in the afternoon, and by nightfall it was coming down in torrents and continued practically throughout the night. There is no serious damage reported, although the storm was general along the Nova Scotia coast. Great damage was done to the property of those who were unfortunate enough to be moving. C. P. R. LAYS MEN OFF. Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, May 2.—The Canadian Pacific Railway has laid off one hundred and fifty men in the car shops.

WORKMEN RESCUED AFTER BEING AT MERCY OF GALE ALMOST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS

Old Orchard, Me., May 2.—The six workmen who have been marooned in the casino on the ocean end of the Old Orchard pier since Friday morning were taken ashore in row boats today after nearly forty-eight hours of troubled existence in the frail structure while it was shaken under the buffeting of a heavy gale. Although tired, through lack of sleep and somewhat nervous after their long ordeal, the men were in good condition. Whether the contractors will be able to prevent upon them to again venture out to the casino is a question yet unanswered by the men. The delivery of the men this morning was accomplished with little of the danger which accompanied the unsuccessful attempts made yesterday to reach them. Several of their fellow-workmen who had been employed on the shore end of the pier rowed out to the casino in a dory. On the return three of the marooned men were taken ashore, and on a second trip Moses Fisher, John Jones, James Farley and Charles Watson, of Biddeford, and John Freeman and Edward Charland, of Old Orchard. After they had reached shore the men told a story of a nerve racking experience. They were marooned in the little storm-lashed casino, the frail row foundations of which bent and shook with each successive wave. The rowboat in which they had gone out was washed away by the storm and they were unable to cross the pier as the middle section was destroyed. They were not altogether without small comforts. A mattress was procured and a fire built in a small stove. The material for the fire was found by tearing down the interior of the casino. They told of their anxious watching yesterday, when Edward Curran, of Biddeford, tried to reach them in a dory and was overturned. It was with considerably eased minds that they saw him reach shore safely as he went into the water within fifty feet of them and they were powerless to aid him. Shortly after this they received the first and only food and drink of their captivity, when two cans were drawn across a slender electric wire.

ATTY. GENERAL WILL CONDUCT INSANE WHEN HE ENDINE TRIAL KILLED HIS WIFE

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., May 2.—The Provincial Government will probably meet in St. John about the middle of the month. They will sit as the Board of Commissioners of the Provincial Hospital and will also take up any routine matters which may accumulate in the meantime. Solicitor General McLeod will leave tomorrow for Dorchester where he will prosecute James V. O'Brien, who was arrested while in the R. C. R. here for theft of silverware and jewelry at Moncton last June. Deputy Sheriff George Winter will take a number of witnesses from here including several soldiers. One of the latter is Bugler Woods who has been under guard since his sensational escape from prison here. He will be taken to Dorchester under military escort. Attorney General Hazen will conduct the prosecution of John Endine, the Italian, who is in Sunbury county jail, at Burton, charged with the murder of John McKay, at Minto Mines last November. This trial will start on the 13th instant and at the same court Samuel Adams, who was brought back from Dorchester to answer a second charge of horse stealing will also come up. Adams broke jail at Burton when first arrested, but was later sent to Dorchester from Charlotte county on a horse-stealing charge.

NEW CHIEF ROUTS GANG OF HOBOES

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., May 2.—Chief of Police Hawthorne on Saturday night chased a gang of hoboes out of town. They had been camping in a box car near Queens Square for about a week and were terrorizing people in that section of the city with daily visits to houses and demands for food and money. Chief Hawthorne, who has carried on a departmental store business here for the past eleven years, is returning to Montreal. St. John Preachers at Fredericton. Rev. R. A. Armstrong, rector of Trinity church, St. John, preached at Christ Church Cathedral this evening. Rev. G. A. Kuhring, of St. John, will be the preacher next Sunday, Dean Schofield having left for a trip to England for the benefit of his health. Rev. Craig Nichols, of St. Mary's, conducted services at St. Ann's parish church today, Canon Cowie being in Nova Scotia. Rev. Dr. W. C. Kierstead, of U. N. B., conducted services at St. Paul's Presbyterian church today in the absence of Rev. Dr. Smith, pastor. The funeral of the late Samuel Gorman who died at Plaster Rock of acute poisoning took place today from his home in St. Mary's and was one of the largest funerals seen there in years. The river has fallen somewhat since yesterday, but warm rain has started tonight.

PUGSLEY AND CENTRAL RY. UP TOMORROW

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 2.—It is expected that on Tuesday next the Central Railway report and Mr. Pugsley's connection with the transaction will come before Parliament. Mr. Crothers, of West Elgin will probably move a resolution as an amendment to supply. SMALLPOX AND RIOT. Adana, May 2.—Smallpox has broken out in epidemic form. There are always cases of this disease in Adana as well as other virulent diseases, because of the poor sanitary conditions. It is impossible to estimate the number of cases for there is no systematic medical reports, but during the past two weeks, the spread of the disease has been frightful, because of the terrible disorders and the homeless elements roaming about the city.

CAPE BRETON COASTS STILL ICE BOUND

Special to The Standard. North Sydney, May 3.—The straits still remain jammed with ice. The steamer Bruce arrived in port today from Port au Basque, Nfld., reports of scattered ice. Two schooners are held hard and fast off Low Point. They are about half a mile apart. Shipping at this port is completely tied up, a large number of vessels

DEATH OF MRS. SARAH E. BIGELOW. Special to The Standard. Truro, N. S., May 2.—The death occurred here last night of Mrs. Sarah E. Bigelow, one of best known residents of Colchester county. She was 87 years of age. Five children survive. Mrs. W. S. Hoskins is a daughter.