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ASKS FOR RESPITE FOR FRED RICE

ANOTHER APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNMENT

Railway Depot Set on Fire by Lightning—Rescued Well Digger in Serious Condition.

St. Jean, Man., July 4.—The Canadian Northern depot here was struck by lightning and set on fire at 2 o'clock this morning during a heavy thunderstorm. Owing to the rapidity with which the flames spread nothing was saved but the cash, a small portion of the freight in the shed and the baggage trucks. The contents of the building, the records, instruments and agent's possessions were completely destroyed.

Fisheries and Forest.

Quebec, Que., July 4.—The receipts of the Quebec fisheries and forest department exceed $1,300,000 for the year ending June 30th, the largest in the history of the province.

The Gaynor-Greene Case.

The celebrated Gaynor-Greene case up again this morning, when Judge Curon gave a decision demanding that all papers in the case before Judge Lafontaine, as extradition commissioner, Montreal, be forwarded to him and remanding the prisoners in the meantime until next Friday.

The Rescued Well Digger.

Paris, Ont., July 4.—Joshua Sanford, the well digger rescued last Friday night after being confined in a well four days, is now in a serious condition from reaction from the excitement of his release. He is frequently under a delusion he is still undergoing the terrible experience in the well. Fears for his mental condition are entertained.

Disappointed in Love.

Galt, Ont., July 4.—Nicholas Pautler, forty-six years old, is in a critical condition as the result of swallowing rough on rats because a seventeen-year-old girl refused to marry him last night.

Will Send Representative.

Toronto, July 4.—The executive of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association has decided to send a representative to the Yukon to look after Canadian trade interests.

Inland Revenue.

The Inland revenue receipts for the port of Toronto show an increase of $72,958.11 over last year.

The Race Case.

T. C. Robinette, K.C., has renewed his application to the government at Ottawa for the respite and new trial for Fred Lee Rice, condemned for the murder of Constable Boyd. He has also communicated with Mr. Choate, United States ambassador, London, in reference to a stay of proceedings, on the ground that Rice is an American citizen.

Remanded.

Brockville, Ont., July 4.—Sabra Mattice, an elderly woman, was arraigned before Judge McDougall yesterday on a charge of placing poison so that it might easily have been partaken of by cattle belonging to a farmer named Alex. Brown. She pleaded not guilty and was remanded.

Crushed to Death.

Brandon, Man., July 4.—Alf Salter was crushed to death last night at the electric light company's works here. In stepping over the big belt he was caught and carried to the fly-wheel, where he was almost instantly killed. He comes from Ottawa.

Message of Sympathy.

St. John, N. B., July 4.—The National Council of Women this morning adopted an address of sympathy to King Edward. Financial questions and a motion from Montreal local council to hold biennial or triennial sessions was under discussion. A message was read from Lady Aberdeen opposing a change from annual sessions. Lady Aberdeen also expressed a desire that every delegate wear a breast bouquet every morning of the convention. The delegates were supplied with beautiful roses this morning. Mrs. Baxter, Vancouver, read greetings from the organization of Macabees and also read the reports of the vice-presidents of Victoria and Vancouver local councils.

PRISONERS RELEASED.

President Roosevelt's Amnesty Proclamation Was Read in Manila To-Day.

Manila, July 4.—President Roosevelt's amnesty proclamation was read at noon to-day in English and Spanish from a flag-draped stand on the Luneta. The prisoners freed by the proclamation, estimated to number 600, were released without ceremony. Many military prisoners had previously been freed. Aguinaldo remained in the house, which sheltered him since his captivity. He is expected to visit friends briefly and then depart on a trip. Exiles on the Island of Guama are expected to return here on a special steamer.

FIRST INNINGS OVER.

Cambridge Made 186 Runs Against 206 by Oxford in the Annual Cricket Match.

London, July 4.—The Cambridge men, in the annual cricket match with Oxford, which began at Lords' grounds here yesterday, were all out to-day in the first innings for 186 runs. The Oxfords yesterday made 206 runs in their first innings.

At the close of the play to-day the Oxford men had scored 244 runs for eight wickets down in their second innings.

ROOSEVELT AT PITTSBURG.

Large Number of Persons Greeted the President on His First Visit to Town.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 4.—Half a million persons greeted President Roosevelt in Pittsburg to-day. They came not only from Pittsburg and Allegheny, but from the scores of small towns within 100 miles of Pittsburg. It was the President's first visit to Pittsburg, and his welcome was enthusiastic.

CANADIAN MOUNTED TROOPS COMING HOME

Cable Message Indicates That Arrangements Are Being Made for Return of Several Regiments.

Ottawa, July 4.—The militia department have a cable from Capetown today asking it to withhold all pay for the third, fourth, fifth and sixth mounted regiments. This means that they are arranging to return home.

Superannuation.

Arrangements have been completed for the superannuation of Thomas McFarlane, Dominion analyst. He will be replaced by the promotion of A. McGill. A. E. McIntyre, of St. John, N.B., will get M. McGill's place.

WILL VISIT PARIS.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Has Completed Arrangements For Trip—Postage on Newspapers.

Montreal, July 4.—The Star's London cable says:

"The Canadian ministers lunched today with Lord and Lady Grey at the Royal Botanical Gardens and dined with Sir Gilbert Parker. Afterwards they attended a gorgeous official reception to the Indian princes at the Indian offices.

"Sir Frederick Borden is better, but still unwell. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is in much better health and completed to-day his arrangements for his visit to Paris, where he will be elaborately, though semi-officially, entertained.

"Some papers at a distance, not too friendly to Great Britain, are publishing abominable misrepresentations of the King. The fact is that His Majesty has undergone a most serious operation, serious beyond all possible question, and it is all true that the King fought bravely to go through the coronation ceremony, simply in his intense anxiety not to disappoint the people. He even declared to Sir Frederick Treves, Sir Francis Laking and other surgeons in attendance, that operation or no operation, "I must go to the Abbey." It was only when told that to delay the operation would imperil his life that he did yield. Millions of pounds have been lost by trades people and others owing to the postponement, yet not a murmur is heard here. It is only foreigners and enemies nearer home who are circulating deprecatory opinions. The fact is there is universal sympathy for the King and admiration for his courage will make his future popularity only less than that of his beloved mother, the late Queen Victoria."

Important Questions.

Toronto, July 4.—The Toronto Telegram's London cable says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on his approaching visit to Paris, will be asked to do all in his power to induce the French government to come to a decision on the question of a direct line of steamers between Canada and France. It is also hoped that Sir Wilfrid will endeavor to obtain a more advanced commercial policy between Canada and France. The Canadian Premier will visit Rome later, where he will have an interview with the Pope."

Attitude Endorsed.

London, July 4.—A deputation from the London Chamber of Commerce waited on Sir William Mulock to-day with the purpose of expressing the endorsation of that body with the Canadian government's attitude with reference to the reduction of postage on magazines and newspapers.

The Canadians in London have just learned of the insult offered to officers of the colonial troops quartered at the Alexandra Palace by the authorities of that place. On tattoo night a notice was placed on the balcony of the palace which read: "No colonial officers are allowed on this balcony." Much indignation is expressed by the Canadian ministers and other colonial visitors to London.

It takes eight times the strength to go upstairs that is required for the same distance on the level.

FOUR HIGHWAYMEN STOPPED EXPRESS

ASSISTANT MESSENGER SHOT BY ROBBERS

Ordered Trainmen About at Point of Revolver But Fled When Passengers Appeared.

Joliet, Ills., July 4.—Four bold and desperate highwaymen last night held up train No. 51, one of the fastest on the Rock Island road. The train was moving at the rate of 40 miles an hour when two masked men clambered over the tender, and levelling revolvers at the engineer and firemen ordered them to stop. The engineer put on the air brakes. The men then ordered him to dismount and made him walk to the express car as a decoy. He was ordered to ask the messenger to open the door. When the messenger appeared the burglars began shooting and threatened to blow up the car with dynamite unless he gave up the valuables in his possession. Assistant Messenger Kane drew a pistol and was shot through the right groin. One of the highwaymen ordered the engineer to put out the headlight and uncouple the engine. This last effort was successful.

The messenger, at the point of a pistol, was made to carry a bag of jewelry over to a fence, where it was leisurely examined. Oliver M. Olsen, the news agent, and Chas. C. Wentseller, a reporter for a Salt Lake paper, went forward to see what the trouble was, and both were ordered to go back. By this time passengers began piling out of the coaches to learn the cause of the shooting. This frightened the highwaymen, who fled.

POWER PLANT SOLD.

New York, July 4.—The St. Lawrence power plant at Massena, N. Y., has been sold at Massena under foreclosure proceedings begun by the first mortgage bondholders. The plant was bid in by M. T. Cox, of New York, representing the reorganization committee of the first and second mortgage bondholders for $500,000. More than $10,000,000 have been expended in the Massena power scheme. English capitalists were interested. The failure of the project was principally due, it is believed, to a lack of financial aid in which to dispose of the company's product.

SEARCHING FOR THE TWO LOST STEAMERS

The Lieutenant of Revenue Cutter Says Thetis May Have to Go to Point Barrow.

Seattle, July 5.—A letter received from Lieut. Gamble, of the revenue cutter Thetis, gives the latest news brought to Seattle regarding the fate of the steamers Portland and Jeannie. It is hopeful. The cutter, on June 13th, was at Nome preparing to depart for the neighborhood of the merchantmen. The letter says:

"We are now searching for the lost steamers Jeanie and Portland, carried up into the Arctic, caught in the ice. We are here at Nome getting more coal. If we don't encounter them further south it means Point Barrow for our destination. The season is very late. The Thetis has encountered a great deal of ice, but we hope to get these vessels."

ANCIENT GATH.

Sir Charles Wilson Says Site of City Has Been Located.

London, June 27.—Sir Charles Wilson, at the meeting of the Palestine Exploration Fund, in London a few days ago, spoke on recent researches in the lowlying country of Judah, in which district, the speaker said, the site of ancient Gath had been located. Upon a point which afforded a striking view of the battlefield upon which David slew Goliath remnants of pottery had been found, and among the discoveries in this district was a monolith, which evidently formed one of the "high places" often referred to in the Old Testament.

The observations made near the Dead Sea showed that there had been a fall in the level of the sea after a fall lasting for a very long time. It was hoped that further researches would discover the layer of burned coal and ashes which marked the destruction of the town of Gezer by Pharaoh, the father-in-law of King Solomon, who afterwards gave the site to his daughter.

OARSMAN INJURED.

Canadians Are Now Favorites in Grand Challenge Cup Contest at Henley.

Henley, Eng., July 4.—Nelson, third Trinity's stroke, dislocated his shoulder this morning. The accident alters the aspect of the contest for the Grand Challenge Cup. The Canadians are the favorites.

THE KING NOW OUT OF DANGER

DOCTORS ISSUE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Half a Million of the Poor of London Were His Majesty's Guests To Day.

London, July 5.—The following bulletin regarding King Edward's condition was posted at Buckingham Palace at 10 o'clock this morning:

"His Majesty had another excellent night. He is cheerful and feels much stronger. We are glad to be able to state that we consider the King out of danger. The evening bulletins will, therefore, be discontinued

"(Signed), Treves, Laking and Barlow."

London's Poor at Dinner.

London, July 5.—Half a million of London's poor were King Edward's guests this afternoon. They were scattered in about 400 halls, schools and parks in varying numbers, the greatest of the royal beneficiaries being at Stepney, where no less than 45,000 enjoyed a dinner such as they seldom partake of. At every gathering was read a message from the King to the poor, sent through the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, as follows:

"Buckingham Palace, 11.20 a.m.

"I am commanded by the King to inform Your Lordship that His Majesty and the Queen had intended visiting some of his coronation dinners to day, and he deeply regrets his illness prevents his doing so. Members of his family will represent him at as many dinners as possible. I am further commanded by the King to express the hope that his guests are enjoying themselves and passing a happy day. (Signed), Knollys."

This morning's bulletin announcing that King Edward is out of danger was also circulated so that the half million poor folks drank His Majesty's health in unrestrained enjoyment out of the coronation cups presented to each of them as a souvenir of the occasion.

The Prince and Princess of Wales traversed the metropolis from end to end in semi-state, the carriages being escorted by a detachment of the Horse Guards, and appeared at central gatherings in several districts.

The principal dinner was at Fulham, where Sir Thomas Lipton, who organized the whole feast, did the honors of the day to 14,000 of the poor, aided by a host of titled and untitled volunteers, including Timothy L. Woodruff, lieutenant-governor of New York state, Vice-Commodore Bourne, of the New York Yacht Club, and other Americans, who handed around plates of beef and pudding, or filled beer mugs with an enthusiasm emblematic of the whole spirit of the occasion.

The Prince and Princess of Wales paid their first visit to Fulham. They entered the park of the Bishop's palace through a triumphant arch, and were received by the Mayor of Fulham, Sir Thomas Lipton and others. Their Royal Highnesses were enthusiastically greeted by an immense band of scholars, who sang "God Save the King." The Prince and Princess alighted and walked among them, as the guests were assembled around two and one-half miles of tables and evidenced the utmost interest in everything. At the head of the table in the central marquee the royal party stopped, and the Prince of Wales read this morning's bulletin regarding the King's health. This was the signal for a tremendous outburst of cheering. Before leaving the Prince of Wales expressed to the Bishop of London, the Right Rev. Arthur Foley Ingram, and to Sir Thomas Lipton his great satisfaction at the completeness of the arrangements, and emphasized his regret at the fact that the King was unable to be present.

This was a sample of the other dinners, which were followed in every case by variety shows, upwards of 1,500 operatic and theatrical people, musical hall artists and 418 pianists giving their services for the occasion.

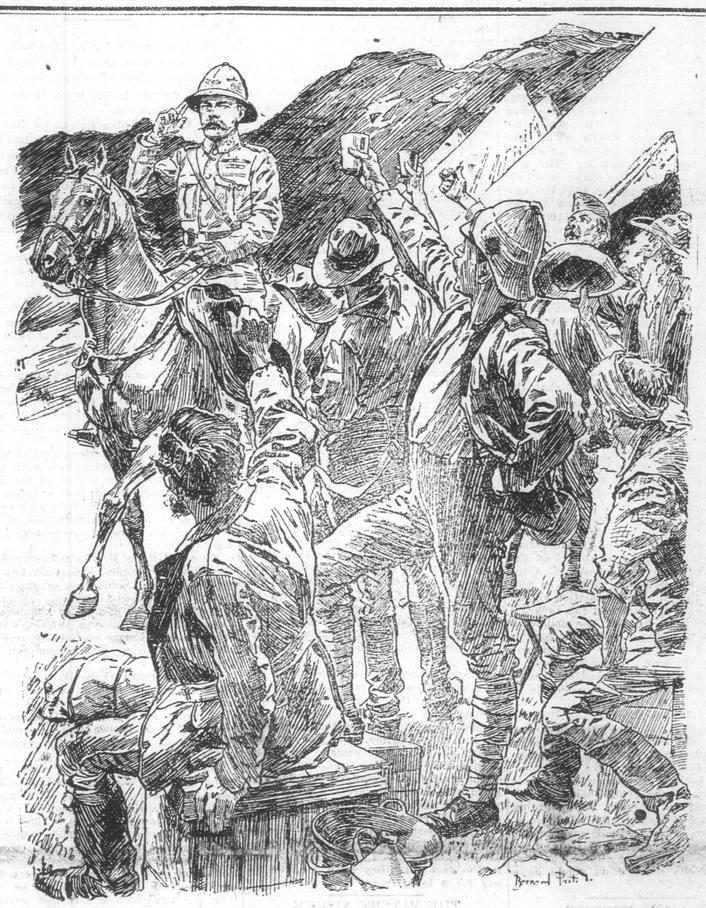
TO-DAY'S BULLETIN.

London, July 4.—The bulletin regarding the King's condition posted at Buckingham Palace at 10 o'clock this morning says: "The King had a good night; slept better than at any time since the operation. The wound gives less trouble, and His Majesty can move in bed with greater ease. His Majesty's appetite has improved."

The following bulletin was posted at Buckingham Palace at 7 p. m.: "The King has had a quiet day. His constitutional condition is satisfactory and the wound shows more active signs of repair."

STORES BURNED.

Lorenzo, Marques, Portuguese East Africa, July 4.—British military stores valued at over £500,000 have been destroyed by a fire which started at the Netherlands pier and spread to adjoining property. The flames were not extinguished as this dispatch was filed.



—Punch.

"HANDS UP!"

(New Style.)

Lord Kitchener, in addressing the Boer delegates at Vereeniging, touched their hearts by saying that if he had been one of them, he would have been proud to have done as well in the field as they had done. His statement was greeted with prolonged applause.

FATALITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

SEVERAL LIVES LOST DURING CELEBRATION

In Chicago Alone Three Persons Were Killed and Over One Hundred Injured—Railway Accidents.

New York, July 5.—At police headquarters 125 accidents, due to the use of explosives in celebrating Independence Day, have been reported during the past twenty-four hours.

Collision.

Newcastle, Pa., July 5.—One man is dead, one fatally injured and more than a score of others are seriously hurt as a result of the worst accident in the history of the Pennsylvania & Mahoning Valley Electric railway between here and Youngstown last night. Two cars, each carrying nearly 100 passengers, crashed together on a curve near Edinburgh, four miles west of this city.

In Chicago.

Chicago, Ills., July 5.—Three persons were killed and more than 100 injured in the celebration of this year's Fourth in Chicago. Of these all the killed received the fatal wounds from firearms, while twenty-two others were injured by spreading of stray bullets.

Cars Overturned.

Boulbee, Colo., July 5.—In an accident on the Chautauquay street car line last night one woman was killed and a number of persons injured. Three cars heavily laden, and the chain straps used on the trailers failing to hold the train, they rushed down the hill with tremendous velocity, overturning at a bend in the track.

Eleven Killed.

Amsterdam, N. Y., July 5.—At 11 o'clock on Friday night a frightful accident happened on the Mountain Lake railroad, an electric road running about five miles from Gloversville to a summer resort. Two cars were coming down the grade, one behind the other. The motorman lost control of the rear car and ran into the first car, telescoping it. The cars ran for some distance on the track, and then left it and overturned, falling on the passengers, who were underneath. Eleven are known to be killed and 33 injured. There were 70 passengers in each car.

FINANCES OF THE DOMINION.

Present Standing Better Than Was Predicted by Hon. W. S. Fielding.

Ottawa, July 5.—The financial statement was issued to-day for the year. On 30th June last year the revenue was $50,735,947, and there was afterwards collected $1,778,753, making in all $52,514,701. If the same amount be added to the revenue of the present year it will be $58,082,448. Taking the expenditure on 30th June last year it was $38,574,508, but this was increased to $46,866,367, when all accounts were paid. For the present year the expenditure is $42,255,316, and if there is added a similar amount to that paid out after 30th June last year, it will be $50,546,866, so that if this amount is deducted from the revenue there will be an actual surplus on the ordinary account of $7,535,588. If the capital account be included and treated in the same way, after accounting for about two millions and one-half in sinking funds, there will be added to the public debt at the close of the financial year $3,250,000. This is a better statement than was predicted by Hon. W. S. Fielding in his budget speech last session.

A BRAVE BOY.

Thirteen-Year-Old Lad Saved His Mother and Brothers From Flames.

Portland, July 2.—Bravery and presence of mind on the part of 13-year-old Michael Cohn saved his mother and four little brothers from being cremated this morning in a fire which destroyed the dwelling of the family at Hall and Fifth streets. Young Cohn went into the room, which was filled with smoke and flames, and dragged out his unconscious mother and then returned and carried out each of his four little brothers in turn.

Mrs. Cohn, who is subject to fainting spells, fell while carrying a lighted lamp. The house immediately took fire and was destroyed. Young Cohn, who rushed to the assistance of his mother and little brothers, succeeded in rescuing them all.

SUPPLIED LIQUOR TO NANAIMO INDIANS

A Man Sentenced to Nine Months' Imprisonment—Five Results of Drinking Among Braves.

Nanaimo, July 5.—An explanation of the fire which destroyed the cabin of John Tom, on the Nanaimo river Indian reserve, on Wednesday night, has been obtained. It has been found to have been due to some Indians obtaining liquor. Provincial Officer H. McIndoo, of this city, succeeded in unravelling the mystery of the fire, and as a result of it Sam Shaw is in jail for nine months.

It has been discovered by Officer McIndoo that Shaw furnished the Indians with liquor, and he has been accordingly convicted and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. Shaw picked up a precarious living along the shores of the bay near the Indian reserve. He was formerly a bluejacket on one of H. M. ships.

The crew of the snag steamer Samson, which with Assistant Engineer Turner, of New Westminster, is making a survey of the channels dredged by the Mudlark last winter, is busy at their work now. The work is done by means of row boats, while the Samson remains tied up at the wharf.

KILLED BY TURKS.

Troops Surrounded Band of Bulgarian Bandits, Shooting Thirty and Taking Several Prisoners.

Constantinople, July 4.—A detachment of Turkish troops recently surrounded a band of Bulgarian brigands at Patili, in the Vilayet of Monastir. Thirty Bulgarians were killed. The remainder were made prisoners. Brigandage is spreading alarmingly in Monastir.

Turco-Bulgarian complications are threatened on account of the forcible removal of the flag and coat of arms from the Bulgarian agency at Seares, Roumelia. Bulgaria has demanded satisfaction within three days.

CHOLERA AT MANILA.

Manila, July 4.—There were 54 new cases of cholera reported in Manila yesterday and 35 deaths from the disease.

The totals for the provinces since the outbreak are 10,332 cases and 7,713 deaths. The health board has abandoned the cremation of the dead and has substituted quick lime at burials in order to meet the religious objections of the people.