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MANY LEASES

Enterprising Oil Operators Continue Eager to Secure Raleigh Land.

Farmers Need Not Fear Operators, Says Mr. Chamberlain Will be Fairly Dealt with.

Special Planet Correspondence.

Scene of Operations, Raleigh, Nov 28.—County Councillor Thos. Robin-son and George Berringer visited Gurd's Gusher this week. Mr. Robinson has an interest in Mr. Berring-er's company. They have a number of leases south and west of Gurd's

Mr. Robinson stated that the Unit ed Oil and Gas Co. are boring for oil on the William Wickwire place, a mile and a half east of Tilbury. This company has a little showing of oil in the Wright well, in the Dawson well and in the well on the Lons. berry farm.
Mr. Kittermaster, one of the cwr

ers of Gurd's Gusher, was at the well Tuesday, when quite a crowd was present. "I don't mind the people seeing the well," said Mr. Kittermaster, "but the minute I open the box that covers the hole such a num ber crowd around that I am afraid that the covering of the tank will give way. If it should, the result would be instant death. A man couldn't live a minute in the oil and gas in that tank. The covering over the tank is only thin stuff put there for a covering, not for a plat-

H. P. Chamberlain, head of the Imperial Oil Company in Canada, is keeping steadily in touch with the Raleigh oil fields and is a frequent visitor to the scene of operations. "The farmers needn't be afraid of us," said Mr. Chamberlain when in Raleigh this week. "All with whom we come in contact will find themways make a point of treating the farmers well wherever we do business. The Imperial Oil Co. are not a hard class of people to deal with and I can say the same about the farmers. Wherever we operate, farmers and the Imperial Oil Co. manage to do business without any friction.

City Engineer Jones is one of the men who knows a lot about the formation of the earth beneath the County of Kent. Mr. Jones has made a study of this. He used to spend all his spare moments at the mineral well on the bank of the Creek. He has a log of the well showing the depths to the various strata.

Mr. Jones says that there must

be a great gas pressure to force the water out of the mineral well from a depth of 1,000 feet. The mineral water is the same as that which comes out with the oil from Gurd's Gusher. The City Engineer thinks that when the mineral water plays out that oil will come and then gas. When the well was drilled a large reservoir was tapped but it was tapped low down along the water line. When the well was being drilled, oil was struck at a depth of about 400 feet. A flow of about two barrels a day was struck. The oil was allowed to run into a hogshead for several days. They were boring for gas or salt, however, and shut off the oil and bored on down. Mr. Jones thinks that oil can be struck most any place around Chatham. The only trouble is to get a flow in paying quantities. Before the Bothwell oil ecitement he was up the river near the Bothwell oil fields with Dr. Will Kerr, R. C. Burt, and Kasper Schwemler. Mr. Jones noticed small globules of oil oozing up through the water of the river. He told his companions that a great oil field would be struck near that place, and a few years afterwards the Bothwell oil fields were discovered. Mr. Jones be lieves in pre-glacial times before the ridge along Lake Erie in Southern Kent was formed, that the channel of the St. Clair river used to run across from the light-house and enter Lake Erie near Cedar Springs. By questioning well drillers who had operated throughout this district, he got the depths to the rock and a depression which runs through the limestone formation in Kent County along the line of the suspected channel bears out this theory. The line of this pre-glacial channel runs right through the oil territory. Whether this has anything to do with the oil or not, Mr. Jones doesn't pretend to know. James Young, Gravel road, Harwich Township, is one of oldest living settlers on the own line. He has lived on the Gravel road for over 40 years and is farm attracts attention from its clean and neat appearance. Mr. Young recalls some of the oil excitement in the vicinity of his farm 30 years ago. Richard Parr kept a tavern a mile

nearer town in the house now owned by Perry Chase, and situated opposite oseph Young's 100 acre farm. Parr gave out that he was boring for oil He sunk a shaft 80 feet to the rock then poured oil in the hole. In those days, instead of drilling to the rock, a shaft was sunk and drilling began at the rock. Business was dull at Parr's tavern so he struck on this novel scheme for increasing his trade After sinking the well to the rock Parr procured a barrel of crude oil and poured it into the well. The report of an oil well struck was soon noised about and the tavern's trade picked up wonderfully. Oil men flocked there and wells were sunk

but without anything coming of it. About two miles up the road, how-ever, about the same time, there stood another tavern built by George stood another tavern built by George Vester, but at this time it was run by Ki Truax. He saw the benefit results from the well at the opposition tavern so be decided to put down a well. He did so and struck a strong flow of gas. The strike was made about four o'clock and the strong wind blew the gas into Truax's inn. When the girl went to light the kitchen fire she also lit the gas. There was a mighty explosion and the whole building collapsed. Fortunately everybody escaped without serious injury but the tavern was a complete wreck and was never rebuilt. Truax found out that the same scheme didn't work in different places. The tavern was never rebuilt.

A peculiar freak in connection with Gurd's Gusher is that when the well is running and the wind blows the gas over towards Apthorpe's house, that the fumes turn the paint on the pretty white cottage a dirty brown, but when the well is shut

MISSING STEAMER.

THE BANNOCKBURN GIVEN UP FOR LOST

CREW BELONGED TO KINGSTON AND PORT DALHOUSIE.

SIGHTED IN LAKE SUPERIOR ON NOVEMBER 21

Chicago, Nov. 28 .- Marine underwriters are inclined to give up the Canadian steamer Bannockburn up for lost on Lake Superior. It was reported to them that the steamer was passed last Friday by the steamer Algonquin about 50 miles southeast of Passage Island and northeast of Keeweenaw Point. That would bring the Bannockburn well lieve it. He weighs about a quarter out into Lake Superior and right in the track of vessels. Since that time noth-turned from the oil fields of Summa-That would bring the Bannockburn well ing has been heard of her. It is supposed the steamer stranded on Caribou

derson of the M. T. Co. asked if any word had was received regarding the steamer Bannockburn. He replied: "I am very sorry to say that as yet no hopes that we will soon receive news." The steamer in question is in five days past due, and great and is felt for her in marine circles.

The crew of the missing M. T. (o.' steamship Bannockburn consists of the following: Captain, George R. Wood, Port Dalhousie: First Mate, Alexander Graham, Port Dalhousie; Second Mate William Chockley, Kingston; Wheels-men, Arthur Callaghan and E. Rodway, Kingston; Watchmen, George Gillespie Kingston, and another Kingstonian whose name is at present unknown; Chief Engineer, Charles Selby, Kingston; Oiler, Cecil Linton, Kingston. The fire men, deck hands and cooks are mostly from the Welland Canal, and there is no record of their names at the local office of the company.

NO TARIFF CHANGES.

SENATOR HALE SAYS THE DING-LEY ACT WILL STAND.

No Emasculation or Reform of the Present Tariff in Any Shape Will

Washington, Nov. 28.-Senator Hale, who was interviewed here, after a conference with President Roosevelt, said :- "The Dingley act has given the people of the United States more revenue, more business, more trade, and more prosperity than any bill ever enacted. The people understand this, and the late elections show that, with certain exceptions, entire content exists under present conditions. It would be the height of folly now to try to disturb these conditions. The free traders, including almost all the Democratic leaders, and the uneasy, weak kneed Republicans who are howling for revision and reciprocity, would do well to take notice of what will happen provided they get their way. It is absolutely safe to say that no tariff revision can take place except at the end of a long session, after a bitter and protracted fight, which, in itself, will disturb nearly ail and destroy some of our institutions. Unless the Republican party has lost heart and faith in its fundamental policies there will be no meddling with and no emasculation of the present tariff, whether under the guise of reciprocity or reform. In the long future if a genwai revision is demanded the Republican narty will not be afraid to undertake

Under Seeled Orders.

Halifax, Nov. 27 .- The British warship Charybdis sailed this afternoon under sealed orders. The impression prevails here that she has gone to Vene-zuela. The dockyard officials decline to give any information as to her destina-

OIL OPERATORS

Petrolea Experts Define the Likely Boundaries of the Raleigh Fields.

Mr. McCrae Says the Canadian **Drillers are More Up-to-date** than their Yankee Competitors.

The boundaries of the oil field in Raleigh township have not, of course, been defined yet, but the Petrolea men have formed their opinion. They think that the field is bounded on the south by the lake and on the north by the middle road. The eastern boundary is made by a line drawn from Peter Jenner's farm on the middle road to Cedar Springs, and the western boundary by a line drawn from T. L. Pardo's on the lake shore to William Bump's farm at the corner of the middle road and the four-road road. Of course this is only conjec ture and until the ground has been filled as full of holes as a pepper-box, the size or extent of the oil field will remain a mere conjecture.
On the Petrolea experts' judgment

the field may be said to cover about 12,000 acres. It won't be long before a lot more is known about the field as drilling operatiions on a large scale are commencing. Five drills are working now. The Imperial Oil Co. are erecting two more and the California and Ontario Oil Co. began erecting two drills to-day. One is be ng put up on the farm of J. Johns, 13th concession. Corey's drill is being put up on the Walker farm. This is the first test well to be put

down south of the Gusher. Two drill ing rigs were shipped from Petrolea alone for the Raleigh oil fields , this week. William McCrea, of Petrolea, is one

of the men who are taking a very a tive interest in the Raleigh oil field. He has been in the oil business since he was 16 years old, and knows a good many things about oil. It may be said that Mr. McCrae is the biggest man in the oil business in the world. When you have seen him you can betra: He says that the oil fields there are good, but the country is a little Coolies do all the the cable and the pole, Mr. MsCrae said :-

"I have been in the drilling business for years and have used both kinds of drills. The pole drill is by far the best adapted to the soil of this part of the country. At Petrolea we drill 500 feet with a pole drill, shoot the well and put in the pump, all in from four to seven days. Where there is deep surface of clay, as here, the pole drill will work much more rapidy. With the pole drill we can go lown the first 160 feet in three hours, while it took those Americans from Monday noon to Tuesday noon to sink hole 140 feet with a cable drill. There is no system that has ever been invented that will put down a well as cheaply as the Canadian system, where the conditions are the same as hey are here. In the old days at Perolea the cable drill was used altogether, but it was discarded and replaced by the pole drill. This latter rig is cheaper, faster and more effective. Pole well drillers will drill a well down to a depth of 500 feet for 24 cents a foot, and find everything, while cable men consider from 40c. to 45c. cheap drilling with their rig. 1 can tell you," concluded the old Cana-dian oil well expert, "the American drillers can't tell the Canadians anything about drilling."

KINGSTON.

Died on a Train-Wildcats Coming Out of Their Haunts.

Kingston, Nov. 28 .- Lawrence Rielly, going from Chicago to Montreal, died on the G. T. R. train as it was leaving Napanee at noon. He was a consumptive Mr. Corbett, undertaker of this city, has charge of the remains.

A wildcat has recently been seen on the farms of Messrs. McAder and Burke, seven miles northeast of the city. Efforts made o capture it have so far proved unsuccess tal. A couple of weeks ago a large on was shot in Breden's bush, north of the

Laval Students' Panquet. Quebec, Nov. 27 .- The banquet given Laval students of law was quite a bril liant function. It was presided over by Mr. Jos. Sirois, and among the invited guests were: Lieut.-Governor Sir A. Jette; Mgr. Laflamme, representing the Rector of Laval University; Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick; Hon. Mr. Bernier, Minister of Inland Revenue; Hon, Mr. Carroll, So licitor General; Hen. J. I. Tarte, Sir A. Pelletier, Senator P. Landry; Hon. Robitaille, Provincial Sceretary; Hon. L. Archambault, Attorney General; Hon. L. P. Pelletier, E. J. Flynn, Hon. Chas. Langelier, Judges P. Langelier and Cho-

Chicago Tax Frauds.

Chicago, Nov. 27 .- James H. Gormley, President of the Masonic fraternity Temple Association, who has been or trial for conspiracy to defraud the county out of taxes due on the Masonic Temple property, was acquitted by the

MR. ANGUS M'LEOD'S FUNERAL A Large Gathering at Bracebridge-Tributes From Colleagues. Bracebridge, Nov. 28 .- The funeral of

the late Angus McLeod, M.P., yesterday was very largely attended, not only be citizens of the town and community, but by many from a distance. A special train was chartered from Orillia, which brought many prominent citizens, amongst them being Mr. Thomas Sheppard, Rev. Dr. Grant, Messrs. Wm. and George Thompson and others. From Coldwater there was Messrs. W. Sheppard and H. Lovering. The Dominion and Ontario Legislatures were represented by Col. Sam. Hughes, M.P., George Clare, M.P., George McCormick, M.P., Dr. Bridgland, M.P.P., W. H. Hoyle, M.P.P., Milton Carr, M.P.P., James Tudhope, M.P.P., S. Fox, M.P.P. A. Miscampbell, M.P.P., and George Langford, ex.M.P.P., brother-in-law of the decased. Mr. W. R. Beatty, ex.M.P.P. for Parry Sound, now of Halifax, was also present, and Major Grant and others from Gravenhurst. A short service was held in the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Ferguson, B.A., as asted by Rev. Mr. Bremner of the Presbyterian church. Short addresses were delivered by Mayor Shier of Bracebridge, Col. Hughes and Mr. A. Miscampbell. The I. O. O. F. lodge attended the funeral in regalia, and the Citizens' Band headed the funeral procession. The Methodist church was draped in mouruing, and effective music was rendered by the choir. A memorial service will be conducted in the same church on Sunday evening. Dr. Grant, Messrs. Wm. and George

OF THE STEAMER SYL-VANUS J. MACY.

BUFFALO BOAT SUNK OFF PORT BURWELL

FIFTEEN LIVES LOST IN THE DISASTER

Buffalo, Nov. 28 .- A special to The Express from Detroit says :- News has just reached this port that the steamer Sylvanus J. Macy was sunk off Port raged on Sunday night. It is believed that her crew of fifteen men perished. before with her consort, the barge Mabel Wilson, loaded with coal. The weather was heavy and thick on Sunday and the Macy had a hard time creeping up on the north shore. Off Port Burwell she sprang a leak.

The tow line of the barge was cast off by the crew of the Macy. That was the first the Wilson knew the Macy was m trouble. Sail was got on the schooner, and she headed up the lake. The Macy was heading for shelter and making very heavy weather. As the crew of the Wilson watched the steamer through the gloom they saw her suddendisappear. She had plunged under he waters. The suddenness with which the end came precludes the possibility of the crew getting away on the boats. Even if they had it is doubtful that boats could have lived in the sea that was running. The fact that no word has been received from Canadian ports shows that none were saved. The Mabel Wilson arrived at Amherstburg yesterday with tidings of the disaster. It was also reported by the captain of the Albright that he passed through five miles of wreckage off Port Burwell. There were parts of the cabin. boats, life-preservers and doors.

UPROAR IN REICHSTAG.

DISORDER FOLLOWS MOTION ON TARIFF BILL.

Members Referred to by Opponents as " Pickpockets "-Speakers Constantly Interrupted and Discus-

sion Postponed.

Berlin, Nov. 28 .- Disorders resulted in the Reichstag to-day from a motion introduced by the leaders of the Centre, National Liberal, and the two Conservative parties, providing for taking a vote on the tariff as a whole. The motion was greeted with laughter by the Socialists and Radicals. The Socialist speakers and others contended that the motion was contrary to the rules of the House, and President Von Ballestrem admitted he was in doubt on the ques tion raised, and left the matter for the House to decide after a full discussion During the debate on the rules the Soc ialists created great disorder. Herr Antrick and others shouted "Pickpockets," and Herr Ulrich, who repeatedly interrupted the speakers, was called to order three times, the Conservatives shouting "Put him out." Further discussion was postponed until to-morrow.

Sicilian Grounding Investigation.

Quebec, Nov. 27.—Commander Spain, R. N., and J. U. McGregor, Marine and Fisheries Department agent in Quebec, held a court of inquiry fato the cause of the accident to the Allan Line steamer Sicilian on Monday last, and, accompanied by Capt. Fairfull, the first, second and third officers of the Sicilian. Pilot Samuel Rioux, Harbormaster Sullivan and some others, went down the river on board the Government steamer Druid to examine the location where the Sicilian struck. The Druid sailed ap and down the spot and its vicinity, throwing the lead and taking soundings in every direction to locate any obstruction that was likely to cause the accident. The commissioners on their return were, very reticent with reference to their investigation, refusing to say a word until they made their report to Ottawa.

EASTERN KEN

Enthusiastic Annual Meeting of Conservatives at Dresden-Officers Elected.

Addresses Vigorous and Inspiring-Resolutions of Confi dence and Thanks.

Dresden, Ont., Nov. 27.—The annual meeting of the East Kent Conservative Association, held here to-day, was well attended, considering the stormy weather and the bad condi-tion of the roads, and the utmost

enthusiasm prevailed:
The following officers were elected:
President, W. B. Graham, Ridgetown; vice-president, Dr. McRitchie, Harwich; secretary, P. H. Bowyer

Ridgetown.
Vice-presidents were appointed for the various municipalities, and cheme of organization perfected. Votes of confidence in Leaders Borden and Whitney were passed, amid cheers, also a resolution thanking Mr. John Davidson, of Thamesville, for the excellent fight he made as candidate for the Legislature last

Mr. Davidson and others made brief speeches full of enthusiasm, hope and

confidence.
It was left with the executive to name the place of the next annual assembly. A most successful meeting closed with singing "God Save

SHOULD ACT

R. S. Dunlop Thinks the Police Commissioners' Refusal was Unfair-Stil Wants an Officer

"I was very sorry to hear what very poor judgment the Police Commissiorers used in disposing of our petitica for police protection on Queen St., Burwell, on the north shore of Lake said R. S. Dunlop, the well-known Erie, in the furious southwester that Queen St. grocer, to The Planet this morning. "I think they might have given us a night man anyway, if not both a night and day man. At the The steamer had left Buffalo the day meeting they said Queen St. had is much protection as North Chatham, Chatham, to a certain extent, is pa trolled by the police, besides the police station is on that side of the river. North Chatham has no railroad that dumps off bums and tramps by

> the score at your very door. "Oh, yes; the police are supposed to visit us once during the day and once at night, but as long as I've been here I've never seen a policeman out this way unless when called. Then, when we have occasion to call for the police, takes an hour or an hour and half to get one out here, and in the meantime the depredator has had tine to jump a freight or take a passerger train to Detroit

> "As far as the extra expense that the city can't afford is concerned. I. as an outside observer, can see a few ways, one in particular, where money is being squandered by that body. B: speaking of railroads, this is the first place I have been in that a policeman did not meet every passenger train that came into the city.

> "The views taken by the Police Commissioners, in my mind, are very urfair to the petitioners," concluded Mr. Dunlop.

ARE HERE

The Galt club of footballists has arrived in the city from Detroit, where they played yesterday, and are registered at the Garner House. The game is called for three o'clock. The ocal club will banquet the visitors at 9.30 this evening in the Garner House, The musical program, which has been arranged in connection, is an exceptionally good one.



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