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DUNDONALD REPEATS THE STATEMENT ABOUT PORT SIMPSON HARBOR.

Canadian Commander-in-Chief Back from Trip to Pacific Coast, Tells How Wales and Pearce Islands Have Command of the Islands Allotted to the Americans--Government Wants More American Settlers.

Ottawa, Dec. 23--(Special)--Lord Dundonald returned from his tour to the Pacific coast today. He visited Winnipeg, Regina, Victoria, Vancouver and Port Simpson.

Lord Dundonald said that he was exceedingly well pleased with the soldiers which he saw in the west and more than pleased with the military enthusiasm shown. Men were anxious to belong to the militia, and anxious to be trained. They seemed to have fully grasped the idea of the necessity of being able to defend their own country.

"KID" SEELEY SENT TO DORCHESTER. Colored Pugilist Pleaded Guilty to Three Charges and Got Ten Years.

Dorchester City at Halifax After Good Passage; Vessel Proceeds to St. John--Two Immigrant Children Died Coming Across in Steamer Arcadia.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23--(Special)--Stipendiary Fielding this morning sentenced Charles Seely, the colored pugilist, known as "Kid," to ten years in Dorchester penitentiary and thirty days in jail. There were three charges against "Kid," one of shop breaking and theft at Sydney, and one of breaking into G. B. Martin's store here, and a third of carrying concealed weapons--a skull cracker. It was for the latter offence he was given thirty days.

DOLHARDY MARINER KILLED AT SEA.

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 23--The two and a half ton yacht Kioura, in which the crew, a man named Bridgeway, attempted to sail from New Zealand to London by way of Cape Horn, has returned here. Bridgeway fell from the mast and was killed when the yacht was in the Pacific, en route to New Zealand.

Gambler Has Fatal Quarrel.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 23--As a result of a pistol fight in a gambling room today, James J. Reynolds is dead; James L. Beck is breathing his last in a hospital, and Julian Reynolds is wounded at his home. All are professional gamblers.

TO DR. BAYARD. Presentation Made by the N. B. Loyalist Society.

Address and Picture of the Officers of the Society--Expressions of Appreciation for Dr. Bayard's Work and Worth.

The members of the N. B. Loyalist Society met in their rooms, Market building, at 7:30 Wednesday evening, and then went to the residence of the president, Dr. William Bayard, where Dr. W. P. Dole, on behalf of the officers of the society presented to the doctor a large photograph of the officers of the society, handsomely framed in oak with gold trimmings; also the following address:

To William Bayard, Esq., M. D., L.L.D., Secy. President of the New Brunswick Loyalist Society--We have without abuse, the grand old name of gentleman, it is with slight satisfaction that we have seen you, the president of the Loyalist Society, beg to add our congratulations to the many you have already received on the attainment of the ninetieth anniversary of your natal day. As the honor and esteem of a citizen, a society that endeavors to honor and perpetuate the memory of those who have followed in the path of duty as they saw it, at the cost of personal sacrifice, we greet you with affection and true respect. In your long and active life in this community you nobly followed the best traditions of the past, and in so doing have conscientiously, fearlessly and often times with real self-sacrifice, endeavored to follow the pathway of duty.

Two Mole People Dead.

Moncton, Dec. 23--Captain Elliott E. Bober, the well known restaurant proprietor, passed away last evening after a long illness, aged 50 years. Mrs. George Bober died last night after a week's illness. She leaves a husband and four children.

Lincoln's Old Partner Dead.

Chicago, Dec. 23--Hiram A. Beckwith, a law partner of Abraham Lincoln from 1836 to 1861, is dead at St. Luke's hospital here at the age of 72.

SIXTY-THREE DEAD IN B. & O. RAILWAY WRECK.

Thirty Seriously Injured in the Terrible Disaster.

The Train, Which Was a Fast Express from Pittsburg to New York, Struck a Pile of Lumber, and the Cars Piled in a Heap--Those Not Killed Were Stunned for a Moment by the Shock, and an Indescribable Scene Followed.

Connersville, Pa., Dec. 23--With a terrible crash and a grinding noise, the Duquesne limited, the fastest through passenger train from Pittsburg to New York on the Baltimore & Ohio, plunged into a pile of lumber at Laurel Run, two miles west of Dawson, at 7:45 o'clock this evening and it is estimated that fully sixty-three lives were lost and thirty persons were injured.

The train left Pittsburg this evening, running a few minutes late, in charge of Engineer William Thornley, of Connersville. When passing Laurel Run, which is a particularly fine piece of roadbed, the train was running at a high rate of speed. Suddenly the passenger were thrown from their seats by the lightning like application of the air brakes, and a moment later there was a terrific crash.

The train was made up of two baggage, two day coaches, one sleeper and one dining car, and was carrying at the time, at the lowest estimate, 150 passengers. The train ploughed along for a considerable distance and the cars were torn to pieces, passengers jumping, screaming, and falling from the wreck as it tore along. Suddenly the engine swerved to the left and the coaches plunged down over the embankment to the edge of the Youngsborough river.

The minute the cars stopped rolling there was a wild scene. Many were pinned beneath the wreckage and screams and cries that rent the air were beyond description. Many were injured in the mad excitement and plunged into the river. Others, pinned beneath the heavy timbers, cried in agonized tones for release.

So terrific was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger suffered a moment's unconsciousness and many of the shuddered men were unable to assist in helping the injured from the wreck on account of having fainted.

MR. BLAIR SAID TO BE APPOINTED.

Reported That He Got Chairmanship of Railway Commission Friday.

Fredericton, Dec. 23--(Special)--Tonight's Gleaner has the following special from Ottawa: "It is stated that the appointment of Hon. A. G. Blair as chairman of the Railway Commission was made by an order-in-council on Friday last. Mr. Blair himself refused to deny or to confirm the statement, and the ministers maintain a discreet silence on the subject. The statement, however, is current in every quarter."

BIG FOUNDRY CONCERN.

Sackville People Apply for Incorporation With Capital of \$100,000, to Be Known as Chas. Fawcett Mfg. Co., Ltd.--Tenders Asked for Rebuilding Bridges.

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NORTHUMBERLAND'S SHERIFF DROPS DEAD.

R. R. Call, Who Was Attending the Funeral of John S. Fleming, Expired at Newcastle Station.

Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 23--(Special)--Col. R. R. Call, Sheriff of Northumberland, died very suddenly here today while attending the funeral of John S. Fleming, Chief Commissioner Labbillois is held for tenders for rebuilding Black River bridge, parish of Simonds, St. John county, and for repairing Elliot Bridge, Queens county, and Abotshagan bridge, Westmorland county.

UNIONS MENACE.

Manufacturers' Association Points Out Evils.

Now an Enemy to State--Committee Points to the Appearance in American Labor Organizations of German Socialism and Russian Anarchy.

New York, Dec. 22--At the regular monthly meeting of the Manufacturers' Association of New York, at No. 105 Montague street, Brooklyn, this evening, Charles N. Chadwick, chairman of the Committee on Capital and Labor, brought in a voluminous report, tracing the development of combinations of capital and unions of labor. The report stated that capital and labor are instruments in the development of the industrial resources of this country, and are good and proper instruments, and capable of doing good work, if handled understandingly, but destructive instruments when used by an ignorant, careless and indifferent hand.

JAMES PALMER, OF CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., DIES IN FLORIDA.

St. Augustine, Fla., Dec. 23--James Palmer, a noted lawyer of Charlottetown (P. E. I.), died here today. He was 72 years of age and a brother of a former chief justice of Prince Edward Island.

LIKELY A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23--Samuel W. Lee, aged 30, shot and killed his sister-in-law, Mrs. Florence Lee, aged 22, at his home here today and then made an effort to end his own life. Lee was a widower and his sister-in-law, whose name was the same as his own, had been his housekeeper. Today she announced her intention of marrying a man in Kansas, and made preparations to leave the house. After vainly trying to persuade her to marry him, Lee shot the woman four times, killed her and then fired two bullets into his own breast. Lee snatched up a razor and running into the street, followed by half a dozen persons, slashed his throat as he ran. He is fatally wounded.

NO CHANGE IN FAR EAST SITUATION.

London, Dec. 24--Special despatches to the London morning newspapers add practically nothing to the news already given by the Associated Press on the Far East situation, and deal mainly with the alleged Japanese naval preparations. The Daily Mail's correspondents today admit that the steamers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha have not yet been chartered, and that no mobilization orders have been issued, but they give a rumor of the intention of Russia to seize Chin-Wang-Tao and report that a Japanese squadron of six battleships has left Sasebo, twenty-five miles north of Magasaki.

BURGLARS STEAL SAFE AND ROB IT OF \$4,000.

Boulder, Mont., Dec. 23--The sheriff has received word from Elk Horn, a mining camp several miles from here, of a daring robbery. Cracksmen entered the store of Harris Anderson and stole the safe during which they carried away on a sled, a quarter of a mile from town. The robbers blew the safe open and secured about \$4,000 in gold coin. The safe was the banking place of many men in the camp.

FRANCO-ITALIAN ARBITRATION TREATY.

Rome, Dec. 23--M. Camille Barrere, the French ambassador, has sent a communication to the Italian government which says that the French government is now prepared to sign an arbitration treaty between France and Italy on the lines of the treaty recently signed between France and Great Britain. It is understood that such a treaty will soon be signed in Paris.

BITTER CONTEST WILL BE KEPT UP OVER CHICAGO FUNERALS.

Undertakers Have Decided to Try to Bury the Dead Without the Union Label Being Necessary--Police Will Escort Each Cortege and See That It is Not Disturbed by Strikers.

Chicago, Dec. 23--The struggle between the livermen's and undertakers' association and the livermen's union, which for the past six days has seriously interfered with the burial of Chicago's dead, as no hearses or carriages have been available for funerals, is to be a fight to the finish, all efforts looking to a settlement of the strike by conciliation having been abandoned tonight. During the past two days the prospects of a settlement by arbitration seemed bright, but today the contending parties drifted further apart than ever and all peace negotiations have been declared off by the employers.

At a meeting tonight of the employers affected by the strike, it was decided to open for business tomorrow morning on the "open shop" principle and employ union or non-union men. Before the decision was reached arrangements were made to petition one of the circuit court judges the first thing tomorrow morning for an injunction restraining the strikers from interfering with the business of the employers. The conservative element at the meeting worked hard to prevent the opening of the stables, but was defeated. The Conservatives proposed to make overtures to the strikers on an arbitration basis. This was not given heed by the more radical element. The union officials predict trouble when the "open shop" plan is tried in anticipation of opposition by the union men employers tonight called upon Chief of Police O'Neill for further police protection against violence and picketing. In reply Chief O'Neill said: "The police have been ordered to extend you the utmost protection in carrying on funerals. If you experience trouble, call up the nearest police station and if this does not help, call me up."

I. C. R. TRACKMEN LEAVE FOR HOME DISAPPOINTED.

Committee Will Consult Their Lodges Before Passing on Schedule--Machinists and Boiler-Makers Ask for Increased Pay.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 23--(Special)--The committee of the I. C. R. trackmen are not satisfied with the offer of increase of wages made by the I. C. R. management. They had a conference with General Manager Pottinger today and the chairman of the committee informed The Telegraph's correspondent that a final decision had not yet been reached.

I. C. R. CARRYING MUCH SYDNEY STEEL TO UPPER PROVINCES.

Second Cargo of Pig Iron Now Being Loaded for Glasgow.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 23--(Special)--The Dominion Iron & Steel Company are making large shipments of steel billets to Montreal and other points in Canada by rail at present and hardly a day passes without twelve or fifteen freight car loads being sent out over the I. C. R.

LIVE DOGS EJECTED FROM TORPEDO TUBES.

Test, Which Was Satisfactory, Made to Show How Human Lives Could be Saved in an Emergency.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 23--It was demonstrated in the recent evolutions of one of the submarine torpedo boats that it is possible for a living being to leave one of the boats while it is submerged.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR STEALING TWO CENT STAMP.

Sion City, Pa., Dec. 23--Ellisworth P. DeFrance today stepped from the state penitentiary a free man after having served a term of 15 years, less good time allowance. DeFrance was convicted in the U. S. District Court of Nebraska for holding up a mail car. Although it was shown at his trial that he secured only a two cent postage stamp, he was sentenced to imprisonment for life. The matter was brought to the attention of President McKinley during his term of office and he commuted the sentence to 15 years imprisonment.

CANADIAN PACIFIC R. R. OFFICIALS PROMOTED.

Montreal, Dec. 23--At a meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company held today, David McNeill was elected vice-president of the company.

MORE DELAY IN DREYFUS REPORT.

Paris, Dec. 23--The Dreyfus commission at its session today considered the report of M. Victor Mercier, one of the directors of the ministry of justice and the report of the Dreyfus commission on the evidence submitted by War Minister Andre. The members of the commission say the documents in the case are voluminous and they propose to thoroughly study them, so that a decision is not now expected to be rendered for some time. It is generally supposed that the commission will support M. Mercier's findings and that they are favorable to Dreyfus.

D. McNicoll Elected Vice-President, and Wm. Whyte Second Vice-President.

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ENGLISH GLASSBLOWERS TO BE DEPORTED.

Washington, Dec. 23--Secretary Cortelyou has ordered the deportation of the skilled glass blowers from Stourbridge (Eng.), who were detained at Ellis Island under the alien contract labor law. They landed at Montreal and were bound for Corning (N. Y.).