

MESSINGER KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

OFFICIAL RETURNS OF LIQUOR ACT VOTE

The Majority Against Was 6,712—Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Kingston Shooting Case.

Hamilton, April 29.—As a result of a smash-up on the Grand Trunk railway track at Mary street bridge, in this city, about 6.20 to-night, an express messenger, Robert Murray, lost his life, and the rolling stock of the company was more or less damaged.

Left the Track. Carriage, Ont., April 29.—About 1 o'clock this morning 10 cars on an east bound freight train on the Michigan Central railway left the track on the large iron bridge over the Grand river here and were hurled into the water, 50 feet below. Fortunately no one was hurt or killed, though the bridge was damaged.

Prof. Miller Appointed. Toronto, April 29.—The provincial government has passed an order-in-council appointing Prof. G. Miller, of Kingston, to the position of provincial geologist and inspector of mines. The salary is in the neighborhood of \$3,500 per year.

Candidates. East Hamilton Liberals have selected as a candidate Dr. H. S. Green. Hamilton Conservatives have chosen Dr. Hixon as a candidate.

Official Returns. Winipeg, April 29.—The official figures for the total vote on the referendum are 26,000. Of these 15,947 voted "Yes" and 22,359 voted "No," making a majority of 6,712 against the Liquor Act. The total number of persons entitled to vote on the referendum as closely as can be estimated was 70,952.

One Dead. Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 29.—Five boys dug up what they thought were wild parsnips in a field near here. One is dead and the others seriously ill.

Accidental Homicide. Kingston, April 29.—The jury in the coroner's inquest into yesterday's shooting case came to the decision that young Sharpe did not know the revolver, which belonged to another boy named McBernett, was loaded, and returned a verdict of accidental homicide.

A New City. Saint Ste. Marie, April 29.—F. H. Clergeu to-day said he was confident there would be a city of 200,000 inhabitants on the Canadian side of the Soo inside of a few years. The steel plant, when completed, will employ 5,000 men, and will be the largest on the continent of America. Four more will eventually employ another 5,000.

Will Quit Work. Montreal, April 29.—Local stone masons have decided to go out on strike on Thursday for a nine-hour day and 28 cents wage. Plumbers will also go out. They want a nine-hour day and 28 cents wage.

Council of Women. The executive of the National Council of Women met here to-day under the presidency of Mrs. Robert Thompson, and decided to hold the annual meeting at St. John, N. B., on July 3rd to 9th.

Impending Trouble. John A. Wilson, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trackmen, has come to Toronto. It is understood that he is connected with impending trouble with the Canadian Northern and its men. There will not be a strike, said Mr. Low, vice-president of the Brotherhood, to-day, but the men should get more than a dollar and a quarter a day. Mr. Wilson will probably interview the contractors and endeavor to straighten out the tangle, but there will be no strike, as the Brotherhood in such matters favors arbitration.

SENTENCE ON AMERICANS. Further Particulars of Charges Against Officers of the Cruisers Chicago. Rome, April 29.—The arrest and sentencing of the three officers and a master of the United States cruiser Chicago on the charge of disorderly conduct, continue to cause a sensation here and at Venice. The United States ambassador, Gen. W. F. Meyer, who was absent from Rome, hurriedly returned to this city in an endeavor to reach some arrangement with the Italian authorities. Detailed reports of the trial of the Americans say they accidentally overturned a table in the Cafe piazza at Venice, and that they were violently seized with the intention of having them conveyed to a police station, which they resisted. The public prosecutor said he did not believe the officers were drunk, and severely criticized their conduct in causing the disturbances.

Distinguished counsel were engaged for the defence, and it is maintained that the incident had been greatly exaggerated and that local feeling had been improperly aroused. Counsel agreed with the public prosecutor regarding it being the duty of guests to behave correctly, but counsel demanded that the magistrate examine the case in a spirit of serenity and impartiality, which counsel inferred was lacking in the prosecution's attitude. Counsel declared that if the conduct of the officers was blameable, the action of the pretended injured parties was more so in refusing to accept just compensation and in hounding the sailors.

After the policemen had testified to being struck with fists, and two civilians had deposed to being injured on their heads and arms by a case, the court took a serious view of the case and inflicted the penalties on the ground that public officers had been violently opposed in the exercise of their duties. The question of compensation was referred to another court.

The penalties are generally considered very severe.

THE BACKACHE STAGE may be just that incident form of kidney disease which, if neglected, will develop into stubborn and distressing disorder that will take long tedious treatment to cure. Don't neglect the backache condition, it is the forerunner of disease. South American Kidney Cure stops the ache in six hours and cures. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—30.

SAYS DREYFUS WAS GUILTY.

French Lectures Declares He Confessed to a Number of Charges.

Chicago, April 29.—Alleged secrets of the Dreyfus case, unknown to many Frenchmen who followed the proceedings of the trial, were confided to university of Chicago students yesterday by M. Louis Gerokis, the French lecturer. He declared that Capt. Dreyfus admitted his guilt at the time he was pardoned.

Capt. Dreyfus not only was guilty of conspiracy against the French government, but he confessed to a number of charges and asked for mercy when signing a petition for pardon, "was the statement with which the French lawyer and lecturer astonished his auditors. "That Dreyfus actually admitted his guilt is not generally known even by people who endeavored to follow the case closely in all its phases."

M. Leroux explained to the students that his knowledge of the case came largely from the fact that he was asked by friends of Capt. Dreyfus to talk to the prisoner. "At the time my aid was sought," added M. Leroux, "I told Capt. Dreyfus's friends that I would take up the case if they could show me that the man was innocent of the charges against him. They were unable to do this. You may ask why it is not conclusively shown to the public that Dreyfus was guilty. It can be shown now, but it will not be on account of the heated public sentiment, both in and out of France. It has been decided that in 25 years the whole affair will be clear. At that time many records will be given to the public which through fear have not been seen, except by examiners in private. In 25 years people will be able to look at the case dispassionately, which they cannot do now."

ALLEGED COMBINE. Among Packers Has Been Investigated by Committee of New York Republican Club.

New York, May 1.—Alfred M. Bulowa, of this city, chairman of the Republican Club committee, which was recently appointed to investigate the alleged combination of the packers, has gone to Washington for conference with Attorney-General Knox. No packers will be represented at the conference, however. When the committee assembled for its final meeting, telegrams were read from J. O. Lyman, Michael Cudaly, Nelson Morris, J. Ogden Armour and Gustavus Swift, expressing the regrets of the senders that they were unable to attend the conference with Attorney-General Knox, which the committee had arranged. Chairman Bulowa and other members of the committee expressed their surprise when shown a dispatch from Washington in which Attorney-General Knox expressed the opinion that the call for the conference was unwarranted.

IMPORTERS PROTEST. Against the Taxation of Flour—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's Reply.

London, April 30.—An influential delegation representing the four importers of most of the large cities of the United Kingdom had an interview with the minister of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, this morning to protest against the taxation of flour, which the delegates said would seriously affect the extent of their trade.

The chancellor, in replying, pointed out that the deputation represented solely wheat flour, and that it was impossible to consider the grain and meal duties entirely from that point of view. It was impracticable in imposing duties on grain to differentiate between the importers of wheat and flour compared with imports of wheat had grown enormously in recent years, and he did not think it was to the benefit of the country. He has reduced the duty on wheat to that of the four importers were now better off than under the late Mr. Gladstone's tax, and he doubted whether they were entitled to further advantages.

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Going to England. Montreal, April 30.—A Corvan prince, who will represent his country at the coronation of King Edward, will take passage from Montreal next month for England. The general traffic department of the C. P. R. received advices yesterday that a prince and his suite will leave Yokohama, May 2nd, on the Empress of India. The party will also include Mr. Goffe, of the British consulate in Corea, and Mrs. Goffe, who will accompany the prince in a special compartment car. From Montreal, the visitors from the Orient will sail on the Numidian, May 24th.

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BOER LEADERS Will Meet at Verrenging on May 15th to Decide on Peace Terms.

Pretoria, May 1.—The general meeting of the Boer leaders at which a final decision upon the subject of the peace negotiations is expected will take place at Verrenging, Transvaal, May 15th. Will Go to Pretoria. London, May 1.—It is officially asserted that subsequent to the deliberations of the Boers at Verrenging they will proceed to Pretoria and deliver to Lord Kitchener their decision in regard to the peace terms they are prepared to accept.

VA. CONVENT NOTES. Vancouver, May 1.—A protest is being made by merchants and members of the board of trade against the inspection by the harbor master of stowage grain in coasting vessels. The act, they say, is intended to apply only to bulk grain cargoes. Yesterday the steamer City of Seattle was delayed here some time waiting for the inspection of a few sacks of grain at fees charged a whole shipload on the Atlantic coast.

Two men, a young Ontario farmer, and the other a Frenchman, bound for Dawson, were buccooed yesterday out of amounts aggregating \$400. The cases occurred at different times of the day. A stranger approached the young man from Ontario, got acquainted with him and in a short time was met by an apparent friend, who wanted money to pay for freight. On the security of a bogus \$1,500 draft the young man put up \$200 in cash, and waited in a saloon while the man went to the Danish ports, excepting Esbjerg, where the dock laborers refused to leave their work.

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RUSSIAN WORKMEN KILLED OR WOUNDED

In Fights With Soldiers—A Number of Strikes Were Inaugurated in States To-Day.

Copenhagen, May 1.—A dispatch to the Politiken, of this city, from Helsingfors on the German frontier, announces that the labor population of the whole district between Moscow and Vladimir is in revolt. There have been numerous encounters between the working men and the troops, and many persons have been killed or wounded. A Lithuanian regiment, commanded by Colonel Moroseff, refused to act against the workmen.

Foremen Quit Work. Copenhagen, May 1.—The trades unionist foremen employed at the free port of Copenhagen have suspended work in sympathy with the dock laborers and seamen's strike against vessels belonging to the Steamship Owners' Confederation. The latter strike was further extended to the Danish ports, excepting Esbjerg, where the dock laborers refused to leave their work.

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WILL BE RELEASED. United States Naval Officers Are to Pay the Civil Damages.

Rome, May 1.—Ambassador Meyer conferred this morning with Signor Prinetti, the foreign minister, and it was arranged that the naval officers, now imprisoned at Venice, shall be released day or to-morrow, conditional on the payment of civil damages amounting to \$2,000. It is understood that King Victor Emmanuel will exercise his prerogative to remit the imprisonment, so that after a caution they may leave to-morrow aboard the Chicago.

FOUR DEAD. Carriage Run Down by a Fast Mail Train.

Kewanee, Ills., May 1.—Four lives were lost here early this morning in an accident at the Main street crossing of the Burlington railroad. The Burlington fast mail train, eastbound, which runs through Kewanee without stopping, ran down a carriage containing four young people and all were instantly killed. The dead are: Miss Maggie Kessler, Miss Blanch Harding, C. A. Butters and E. A. Amory.

ALIEN LABOR ACT. Proceedings May Be Taken Against a Toronto Firm.

Toronto, May 1.—It is probable that proceedings will be taken under the Alien Labor Act against a manufacturing jewelry firm in the city, which is alleged to be endeavoring to import labor from the United States to take the places of the strikers.

Nearly 40 per cent. of the population of Siberia are Russian exiles.

THE U. S. CHINESE EXCLUSION BILL.

UNCLE SAM—Is everything clear and distinct, John?

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San Francisco Bulletin.

PICTURE PUZZLE.

Sir Walter Raleigh won the favor of Queen Elizabeth while Drake and Gilbert tarried in the background. Where are they?

FOUR CENTS LEGAL FARE.

Supreme Court Holds That Three Cents in Indianapolis is Invalid.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 1.—Four cents is the street car fare in Indianapolis. A decision rendered by the state Supreme court yesterday holds that the three cent fare law is invalid, and that four cents is the legal fare. The case was carried to the Supreme court by Chas. F. Smith, president of the Inter-Urban Terminal Company, who "caused" himself to be ejected from a street car by refusing to pay more than three cents and then sued for damages.

Lubeck, Germany, May 1.—A general meeting of the Lubeck branch of the Frading (People's party) to-day a proposal was made, and widely approved, that Prince Henry of Prussia should be adopted as a joint candidate at the next election of members of the Reichstag by all the various parties representing the middle classes.

SUIT SETTLED. London, May 1.—The libel suit brought by Lord Suffield against Henry Labouchere has been settled. The latter withdrew all the imputations on the honor of Lord Suffield, who expressed himself as being more satisfied with the statement than he would have been with a verdict in his favor.

THE AIR KING. New York, May 1.—Albert Santos Dumont, the aeronaut, who came here from France to discuss an exhibition and race of airships with the directorate of St. Louis exhibition, sailed for Europe to-day on the St. La Savoisie. He will go to London and will probably give some exhibitions during the coronation. Mr. Santos will probably return to the United States next autumn.

DIVIDEND DECLARED. New York, May 1.—A quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on Northern Pacific was announced to-day. This is the first dividend declared since the stock was turned over to the Northern Securities Company.

CORK EXHIBITION. Cork, May 1.—The international exhibition here was opened to-day with a brilliant street procession, in which lord mayors and various corporations and trade guilds, with bands and banners, took part.

SENATOR DEAD. Ottawa, May 1.—Senator Arthur M. Dechene died in Montreal this morning. He was a Liberal.

CATARRH TAINT. MORE LIVES ARE BLIGHTED BY CATARRH THAN BY ALL OTHER DISEASES. IF THERE IS A HINT OF CATARRH TAINT.

Apply Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder without delay. It will save you suffering, heal you quickly whether you have been a slave one month or fifty years, relieve cold in the head and catarrhal headaches in ten minutes. The Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice for the Dominion of Canada, indorses it. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—21.

WEEKLY WEATHER

Victoria Meteorological Bureau.

The weather during the week past, but more springlike, but some sections west of the coast somewhat below normal, as in British Columbia has light.

The week opened on the pressure on the Coast 55. The weather here had been over the province centered light snow was falling. An ocean storm area developed in the coast, but crossed southeast, where it united with another storm area over the Great Salt Lake pressure at the same time the American coast. The Coast "high" had spread Pacific slope, causing the 12 within its limits. Conditions appeared of another area approaching our Coast by developed on Sunday morning there had been an atmospheric pressure, the evening centering on Vancouver causing a moderate gale from the west, but the adjacent waters of Shovely conditions, which have occurred throughout the coast from British Columbia to Oregon. In a high barometer area in 23rd was gradually forced passage of low pressure, their position during the close, when another high again became central in B scattered showers in California, and moderately heavy tobs. Thunderstorms also abundant.

At Victoria 43 hours an bright sunshine were 20.56 inch; highest temperature, lowest, 37.8 on 24th.

New Westminster—Rain, est temperature, 60 on 25th 24th.

Kamloops—Rain, 28 the percent, 64 on 25th; lowest, Barkerville—Rain and 10 inch; highest temperature, est, 20 on 25th.

Local News. (From Tuesday's issue.)

The funeral of Mrs. T. is announced to take place to-morrow from the residence and at the Metropolitan M. at 2.30. Religious services conducted by Rev. Elliott S.

The Veterans' Association on Friday evening in Plot Dr. Geo. Potts will read "The Outlook and Final Indian Mutiny." This is a doubtfully prove intensely the meeting will be largely.

Owing to the postponement of the meeting of the carnival committee in connection with Victoria Day celebration until to-morrow evening the printing of the program will progress this afternoon. The committee has decided to ask a gratuity of \$150 for a special street, which will take place on Friday morning. This is to the \$150 for the V. D. scheduled for Friday after to 1.30 o'clock. The Victoria Club will give a program for the exhibition by its members.

Miss Eva Booth, who to-morrow to lecture to the Knights of the Cross, will be joined by Brigadier, Terri Special; Brigadier Frieder of the War Cry; Staff-Capt. private secretary to the Staff-Capt. Morris, the editor and now assistant, and bandmaster of the band, who is known as the "Soldier's Secretary." The player of the company; A. 5th, a cello-virtuoso; E. the Territorial cashier; a Capt. Jessie Russell, 1st and Willie an actor. The cr's adopted children. They known as "the Real King Cross." They will appear in a hall to-morrow evening here they go back to Vancouver to Skagway.

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