

Possible Changes.

Campbell-Bannerman May Lead the Liberals.

While Harcourt Becomes Speaker of the Commons.

The Spanish Cruiser Reina Regenta Probably Lost—Several Chinese Attacks Repulsed by the Japs.

THE ALLEGED SPANISH OUTRAGE. HAVANA, March 14.—Nothing is known here officially as to a Spanish cruiser firing upon the American steamer Alliance off the Cuban coast last week.

CONTRADICTED. CONSTANTINOPLE, March 14.—The report that he alleged massacre at Sassoun had been proved true by the evidence taken before the commission of inquiry is officially denied here.

KING HUMBERT'S BIRTHDAY. ROME, March 14.—King Humbert received the Cabinet this afternoon. In response to Premier Crispien's congratulations he said that with every passing day he felt more confidence in the Premier's plans to ameliorate the economic condition of Italy's working people.

THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP. LONDON, March 14.—The Globe asserts that intimations have been conveyed to certain members of the Opposition that Sir William Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will accept the Speakership of the House of Commons. His candidature is not opposed. If this is settled Right Hon. H. Campbell-Bannerman will succeed Sir William Harcourt as Government leader in the House.

CHINESE ATTACKS REPULSED. LONDON, March 14.—The Central News correspondent in Tokio telegraphs that some 1,200 Chinese attacked the outposts at Chichou, near the border of Corea, on the morning of the 11th. They were repulsed with heavy losses and were pursued. Another Chinese force, 1,000 strong, made attacks on the Japanese rear and flank but were repulsed with 70 killed. The Japanese loss was six wounded.

PROBABLY LOST! MADRID, March 14.—The Ministers were questioned in Congress this afternoon regarding the Reina Regenta. Premier Sagasta replied that the Government had been unable to get definite news of the cruiser and feared that she had been wrecked. The general opinion in Madrid and the large seaports is that the cruiser has foundered with all on board. The majority of the crew belonged to Cadiz and Cartagena, where the excitement and anxiety for news are intense.

JOSEPHINE GOES FREE.

The Slayer of Joseph Hebert, the Sherbrooke Butcher, Acquitted.

SHERBROOKE, Que., March 14.—The case against Josephine Bergin for the murder of Joseph Hebert of Sherbrooke, Que., her betrayer, who deserted her in her trouble, was given to the jury last night and resulted in a verdict of "not guilty." In the course of her evidence at the trial Josephine described how Hebert deserted her, and that she went to a hardware store and bought a pistol. She told her father that she was going to shoot Hebert, who was the cause of her present trouble. He had laughed at her once too often. Then she went to Hebert's place of business. He was alone and she snatched the pistol. She again asked him to come home. "Don't bother me," said he. "You know I have only been laughing at you; you don't bother me," she answered. "Surely, Joe, you will not leave me in this condition. For God's sake, Joe, take pity upon me." He only laughed at her, and she again asked him to come home, and again he refused, saying the vilest of language to her. Exasperated, she said: "Joe, you remember I told you I would buy a revolver. I have come back." He said he did not care for her or her revolver. She pulled the revolver out of her pocket, and before she knew it it went off. When she saw the deceased throw up his hands and fall she became crazed and she turned the weapon towards her own head. The shot stunned her and she fell. When she came back to consciousness Hebert had gone and she started for home. She was arrested before she got there. At the station her wound was dressed, and she was then taken to jail. She knew nothing of Hebert's death until the next morning, when she was taken to the inquest.

Late Canadian News.

Brookville's oldest resident, Curtis Meade, died Thursday morning, aged 96 years.

Mrs. Booth, wife of the commandant of the Salvation Army, will visit Brantford in a few days.

Dun & Co. report that the failures for the week are 57, as against 55 for the corresponding week of last year.

The return of inland revenue during the month of February shows a decrease of \$25,000 as compared with the corresponding month of 1894.

Walkerville is to be lighted by natural gas as soon as the weather will permit the piping to be done. The electric lighting is to be dispensed with.

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Burglars broke into the drygoods store of Thomas Patterson at Oakville Wednesday and got away with about \$200 worth of black and colored pantings, twills and worsted goods.

The eldest son of Mr. Malcolm Rosie, of St. Catharines, while coasting on the western hill leading from the depot ran against the abutments of the canal bridge and was seriously injured.

Mr. Frank Moberly, of Collingwood, has come to an agreement with Mr. E. A. C. Pew, of Toronto, to begin actively the promotion of the proposed new Toronto and Collingwood Air Line Railway. Mr. Pew intends to bring the matter to the attention of the boards of trade of Rochester and Oswego.

In the Field.

So Far Over 170 Candidates Have Been Nominated

For the Approaching Dominion Elections.

The Writs for the General Election All Ready to be Issued.

Levis Electors Do Not Want Sir Adolphe as Their Candidate—Demands of the Patrons.

DO NOT WANT SIR ADOLPHE.

QUEBEC, March 14.—At Levis on Monday the Conservative electors were invited by leading canvassers of their party to sign petitions asking Sir A. P. Caron to be a candidate in their county at the coming general elections, but it is stated that a majority of them declined the honor, and most of the signatures were those of Government employees. The Conservative party at Levis is now divided into two factions, bitterly fighting one another in their respective organs, the Quotidien and the Moniteur de Levis.

NORTH BAY AHEAD.

NORTH BAY, Ont., March 14.—Voting took place in Nipissing district today on the selection of the county seat. North Bay, Mattawa and Sturgeon Falls were the towns named for the honor. North Bay has 107 majority, with three or four places to hear from, which will probably increase the majority in favor of North Bay.

NORTH OXFORD—MR. ROSS DECLINES.

MR. D. R. ROSS, the temperance candidate for the House of Commons in North Oxford, has written to Rev. W. A. McKay as follows: "My Dear Sir,—After fully considering the situation, I cannot see my way clear at the present time to accept the nomination for the House of Commons, which was so kindly offered by the members of the Prohibition Association."

NORTH WATERLOO.

The Liberals of North Waterloo met in convention at Elmira on Thursday and nominated W. E. Snider, ex-M.P., for the riding. Mr. J. E. Bowman, the present member, declined on account of ill health and advancing age.

READY.

The Toronto Mail publishes the following from Ottawa: Preparations for a general election are in an advanced state in case the Government should determine upon a dissolution before a session. The clerk of the Crown in Chancery has all the writs prepared for issuing at a moment's notice. In the printing bureau the printing of the voters' lists is being rapidly pushed forward. About 75 lists have been completed, and the remainder are either in type or in hand. As yet the list for West Huron has not been received.

WHAT THE PATRONS WANT.

At Wednesday's session of the Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry the committee on legislation reported against any further grants being given by the Government for emigration, and that the question of female suffrage be referred to the subordinate associations; also that the Government be urged to request the request of the Good Roads Association asking for a grant of public funds be refused.

NOTES.

Hon. George W. Ross will speak at Brockville on March 21.

Mr. T. B. Cochrane has been nominated by the Conservatives of Alberta.

Mr. Joseph Tait, ex-M.P.P., will speak at Alexandria on Tuesday, March 19.

Mr. R. Lemieux, of Montreal, has been offered the Liberal nomination for Gaspé.

North Hastings Conservatives on Thursday nominated Mr. John Caskey as their candidate.

Hon. Charles Langelier will be the Liberal candidate in Montmorency against Mr. Turcotte.

The Ottawa Trades and Labor Council have endorsed the candidature of A. Hudson for the Dominion Parliament.

The Halton Liberal convention, to select a candidate for the House of Commons in the coming election, has been postponed until the 21st inst.

The Conservatives of North Grey have called another convention for Tuesday, March 19, Mr. James Masson, M.P., not having accepted the nomination.

At Ayer's Flat, the place selected for nomination for the Quebec House, Messrs. M. F. Hackett (Con.) and W. H. Coward (Lib.) were the only names presented.

For the Dominion general elections the Liberals in this Province have, up to the present, nominated 54 candidates, and candidates of other parties have been nominated to the number of 115. It is hard to classify the elements entering into this last number, for there are Conservatives straight, Conservative P. A. S., P. A. straight, P. P. A. Conservative, McCarthyite, McCarthyite Patron, McCarthyite P. A., P. P. A. or with pledged P. P. A., P. P. A. Patron, Patron straight and prohibition. A rough classification shows 43 Patrons, 47 Conservatives and 25 P. A. S. or with pledged P. P. A. support.

"IT'S TOO EARLY YET."

Indications That the Simpson Fire at Toronto Was of Incendiary Origin.

TORONTO, March 14.—The inquest in the recent big fire, which destroyed the Simpson and other buildings, was continued tonight and some evidence was taken tending to confirm the suspicion that the fire was of incendiary origin.

A newsboy named Gurofsky was selling papers the night of the fire at the corner of Queen and Yonge streets, near which the fire centered. He was there from 10 o'clock till past midnight. He saw about 10 o'clock three men conferring on Queen street in front of the charged watchman of Simpson's. This man went away. The other two stayed around till past midnight. He heard one of them say just before he was going home, which was shortly after: "It's too early yet." The fire started about half-past twelve.

A lady member of Knox Church choir stated that about 10 o'clock when coming out of the church she heard the crash of glass and a young man standing around. Other evidence corroborated the story of the crashing glass.

The End Is Near.

The Great Murder Trial Draws to a Close.

The Defense Makes a Hard Fight and Builds a Strong Case.

Statements Made by David Hendershott, Father of the Dead Man—All the Evidence in.

(Special to the "Advertiser.")

ST. THOMAS, March 14.—The crowds that gathered around the court house before the opening of the door so as to be in the rush and crush for seats increased ten-fold as the end of the great murder trial of Elgin draws a close. All are anxious to hear the addresses, the force of which will probably mean life or death to one and perhaps both of the prisoners in the dock, who now listen intently to every atom of evidence and watch closely the jury, as if to read the weight with which it is received by them. This morning was taken up by the defense in producing medical evidence to refute that given by the crown.

Three of the most experienced woodmen in the county of Elgin gave evidence as to the way in which the tree was likely to fall. They thought the tree had fallen suddenly and unexpectedly.

Mr. J. Z. Long, architect, St. Thomas, produced a plan of the tree with the limbs and knots. Mr. Long visited the scene of the killing this morning and made many observations which materially strengthened the case for the defense.

Mrs. Charles Welter, to whose house prisoner Welter had run after the killing, was next called. She was home on the morning of the killing, and when prisoner Welter came to the house he said Will Hendershott was killed, and wanted some one to go to the woods with him.

Q.—Was there any blood on the prisoner's face when he came to the house?

A.—I did not see any.

Q.—Were you in a position to see?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Does that apply to his clothing as well as to himself?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How do you fix the time as 10 o'clock?

A.—I had just seen the stage go by, and it passes a few minutes to 10.

Mr. Henshold (sworn).—Mr. McDonald—Do you recall the following conversation taking place at your place between yourself and David Hendershott?

He then read the following: "Mr. Ketch—Why did you swear to one thing at the examination and tell me another?"

"David Hendershott—I was not under oath when talking to you."

Q.—Well, then, you either told me lie or swore to one?

A.—Well, I was not under oath when talking to you. They killed him and I know it.

Q.—Can you change a person's oath?

A.—Well, she won't swear to that now.

Witness I do. (Sensation.)

Rosy Hendershott, youngest daughter of Prisoner Hendershott, was next called. She was at Charles Welter's when Will Hendershott came in and told them of the accident.

Q.—Did you see any blood on his face?

A.—I did not.

Q.—Were you close enough to see if there had been any?

A.—Yes.

Sylvester Stisher, one of the men who found the axe, was sworn to.

McDonald—Do you remember being in the woods the Wednesday following the killing with David Hendershott?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What did he say to you there?

A.—He said to me: "There is an axe missing. I know where it is, and it will turn up at the proper time." (Sensation.)

This closed the case for the defense.

REBUTTAL EVIDENCE.

In rebuttal Dr. Lawrence (recalled) said that what Dr. Vanbuskirk had taken from the wound in the head of the deceased and showed him was not a silver. He said when he read his post mortem report to Dr. Vanbuskirk that the latter saw he had changed his mind and that the case looked very serious.

Edwin Wardell (recalled) said the top of the branch which the defense claimed killed Hendershott was fully nine feet from the head of the body, and four feet clear of the body.

Richard Saunders, who cut the limb from the tree to carry the body to the house, swore that the limb was about five feet from the body and nine feet from the head, and that it did not touch the body. He said he examined the ground where the head lay, and there was no stubble or grass in the ground.

Richard Curtis, who helped to carry the body into the house, said the top of the limb was four feet away from the nearest part of the body.

Philip Hornby said he had been with Hendershott last May at the houses of Mrs. French and Mrs. McConnell, and had heard no conversations in regard to insurance.

After the rebuttal evidence was taken the court adjourned at 5 o'clock till Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock, when Mr. McDonald will commence his address to the jury, which will likely occupy the whole morning. The verdict will probably not be made known until late Friday night or Saturday forenoon.

THE ILL-FATED CHICORA.

ST. JOSEPHS, Mich., March 14.— wreckage from the ill-fated steamer Chicora is being washed upon the ice at this point.

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CHARITY CONCERT.

The Programme Was of Very High Class.

But the Turn-Out Was by No Means Large—One of the Prettiest Concerts of the Season.

Charity is alleged to begin at home. This is probably the reason why the great bulk of London's concert-loving public remained in their respective domiciles last night while a high-class concert was given for sweet charity's sake in the Opera House by the combined talent of the Ladies' Morning Music Club, the Philharmonic Society and the London Choral Society. The members of the various societies taking part made a very fair audience of their own, the Choral Society having 90 persons present, the Philharmonic 40, and the Women's Music Club about 20. The attendance was only fair, and not at all proportionate with the merit of the entertainment. The concert opened with the rendering of "Raymond" by the Grand Opera House Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Fred. L. Evans. It was given with great spirit and finish, and was vociferously applauded. Under Mr. Evans the Grand Opera House Orchestra has achieved an enviable reputation, and ranks second to none in the Dominion. Mrs. Moore's many friends were delighted with her interpretation of a couple of charming piano solos of her own composition. The Women's Music Club figured in two bright part songs that pleased the cultured ears of the highly critical audience present. Mr. Evans' clarinet solo was rendered with much sweetness and purity of tone and faultless execution. It is some time since Geo. Angus, although only a mere youth, began to scrape his way into the favor of theater and concert goers of London by means of his magic violin bow. His solo last night was as usual well received. In fact, the audience hung breathless, anxious to catch every note. The Philharmonic Society, under St. John Hynterbach, made its debut before a London audience, and created a most favorable impression. Mr. Thomas Martin played his piano solo in a brilliant manner, displaying an admirable technique. As an encore he played with great expression a nocturne from Chopin. It is some time since London concert-goers have had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Furness' rich bass voice. His song, "The Old Sexton," was splendidly suited for a display of his vocal powers. Miss Ter-Williger's recitation was of a pathetic nature, giving an insight into the rich powers of emotional expression. Miss Ter-Williger sang her soprano solo in good voice. Last but not least on the programme was the chorus (unaccompanied) "The Merry World is Free," by the Choral Society, conducted by Mr. R. Pococke. This number was a surprise to many. The attack and shading was little short of perfection, and the general tone was such as to reflect the greatest praise on the members of the society and their able conductor.

THE PROGRAMME.

Overture.....Raymond, Ambrose Thomas

Conductor.....Mr. Fred Evans.

Song—"The Island of Dreams," Stephen Adams

Mr. Beddoe.

Piano solo—(a) Barcarolle, (b) Rigodon.....Mrs. Moore

Part songs—(a) Distant Bells.....McKenzie

Conductor—Mr. St. John Hynterbach

Woman's Music Club.

Clarinet solo—Romance and Polacca.....Mr. F. Evans.

Song—"Expectancy," Dudley Buck

Violin solo—Fantasia Caprice.....Vieuxtemps

Conductor—Mr. George Angus.

Part song—"Dutch Lullaby," Nevin

Conductor—Mr. St. John Hynterbach

Piano solo—Rhapsodie Hongroise, No. 14, Liszt

Song—"The Old Sexton," H. Russell

Recitation—Selected.....Miss Jessica Ter-Williger, Conservatory of Music.

Song—"Ave Maria," Gounod

Violin obligato.....Mr. Angus.

Part song—"The Merry World is Free," Pinsuti

Conductor—Mr. R. Pococke.

Accompanists—Miss Morphy and Miss Ethel Holmes, and Fred. L. Evans and G. B. Spill.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

Elector of Grand Lodge Officers—Peter-

bore the Next Meeting Place.

WOODSTOCK, March 14.—The Grand

Lodge of the Sons of England assembled at 9 a.m. The election of Supreme Grand Lodge officers resulted as follows:

Supreme Vice-President—Geo. Clat-

worthy was elected supreme grand president by acclamation.

Supreme Grand Vice-President—Bro. London, Belleville.

Supreme Grand Secretary—Bro. Carter

Toronto (re-elected by acclamation for the fourteenth term).

Supreme Grand Treasurer—Bro. Hinchcliffe (re-elected by acclamation).

Supreme Auditors—Bros. Clay and Williams, Toronto.

Supreme Trustees—Bros. Sippon, King and Swait, of Toronto.

Peterbore was selected as the next meeting place of the Grand Lodge.

August Meyers, of Sullivan township, Grey county, was up before P. M. S. Douglass and Freeborn, of Tara, on Thursday, charged with violation of the Medical Act, and was fined \$25 and costs, \$10 in all, or one month in jail.

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