

SENSATION IN WESTMINSTER

Locksley Hall Lucas Arrested on Two Very Serious Charges—Bail Refused.

Comox Half-Breed Dies From the Result of Blows Inflicted During a Row.

New Westminster, July 26.—The sensation of the hour is the arrest of Locksley Hall Lucas, at one time noted as an anti-Chinese agitator in Vancouver and later as a government campaign orator in Delta riding during the provincial elections last year. Lucas was arrested this morning on two warrants charging him with the seduction of his wife's sister at Ladner's Landing on the 1st of February last, and with administering a noxious drug to the girl two months later when it was found she was enceinte. The unfortunate girl is under 16 years of age. Her name is Katie Bushby and she resides with her parents in Blaine, but was on a visit to her sister at Ladner's when the alleged offence occurred. Mrs. Lucas at the time being close upon her accouchement. The case will be heard on Monday, bail being refused. Lucas is the author of the fairly clever drama "Cleopatra," and claims aristocratic connections in England.

Jimmy Mitchell, a Comox half-breed, died this morning while being carried on board the steamer Edgar at Steveston to be brought to this city for a surgical operation. Two years ago Mitchell, his wife (an Indian woman), his brother George and an Indian named Frank, left Comox in a canoe for Nanaimo. Before leaving Jimmy Mitchell procured a bottle of rum and on the way down they drank it and Frank quarrelled with Jimmy's wife. Jimmy took his wife's part and the quarrel continued until they landed on the beach for the night. Shortly after landing Jimmy and Frank came to blows and Frank picked up a stone and struck Jimmy several times on the head with it, knocking him senseless. He recovered consciousness, and the next day the trip was continued. Nanaimo and then to the Fraser for fishing. Jimmy suffered very acute pains in the head, but got to work fishing and continued in this employment a few days, when the pains became almost unbearable and he took to bed. On Monday he lost consciousness and remained almost continually in that condition till last night, when Dr. Robinson, of Steveston, was called in. The doctor found that the skull had been fractured and pieces of it were pressing on the brain. If he could be got to the city to have an operation performed to relieve the pressure his life might be saved, the doctor said, and the authorities ordered Jimmy to be brought to town this morning. Just as he was carried aboard the steamer he expired.

BRITAIN AND BRAZIL.

The Trinidad Affair—A Description of the Island.

London, July 25.—The Rio Janeiro correspondent of the Times says, in reference to the demonstrations with regard to the occupation of Trinidad, that the government is acting in restraint of actual violence, but is not advising moderation.

Rio Janeiro, July 26.—A hostile crowd made a demonstration against the occupation of the island of Trinidad by the British in front of the British consulate at Sao Paulo to-day. The police patrols have increased on account of similar demonstrations here.

The Brazilian island of Trinidad should not be confounded with the British island of Trinidad, off the coast of Venezuela, whence the bitumen comes. The Brazilian Trinidad is situated in the South Atlantic ocean in latitude 20 degrees 26 minutes south and longitude 29 degrees 22 minutes west. It is 700 miles from the coast of Brazil, which is the point of land nearest to it. It contains about sixty square miles of territory. It is uninhabited, but Baron Harden-Hickey, a French journalist, who married Anna H. Flagler, daughter of the standard oil millionaire, John H. Flagler, has for years been working on a scheme to colonize it. In 1888 Baron Harden-Hickey decided to take a trip round the world in a sailing vessel. So he took passage on the merchant ship Astoria, Capt. Jackson, which sailed from England, bound westward around Cape Horn. The Astoria was driven by stress of weather to the island of Trinidad, where it remained for several days. Baron Harden-Hickey went ashore and explored the island. It was then that he conceived the idea of planting a colony upon it. He allowed the idea to grow and mellow in his mind. He kept on his journey around the world, visited China, India, and other Asiatic countries, and finally came back to the United States and married Miss Flagler. In an interview the baron said:

"I propose to take possession of the island of Trinidad under a maxim of international law which declares that anybody may hold and seize waste land that is not claimed by anybody else. The island is uninhabited and has been so for more than a hundred years. Two or three centuries ago the Portuguese attempted to colonize it, probably by a penal colony. They soon gave up the attempt, however. The English also once made a feeble attempt to plant a colony upon it, but the project was abandoned after a short settlement. The remains of these early settlements may still be seen upon the island. No one, however, has lived on it for more than a century. I explored the island thoroughly. It is on a rock foundation but has a plateau, which is covered with abundant vegetation. A river of pure, fresh water runs through it. It has all the essential qualifications for supporting several hundred people. Great quantities of wild fowl make it their hiding place, and it is visited periodically by thousands of turtles, which deposit their eggs there. There is no reason why a people should not live there and be happy and contented."

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NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

A More Direct Statement Will be Requested From Manitoba re Compromise.

Vessel to Ascertain the Length of Time Hudson Bay Strait is Navigable.

Ottawa, July 26.—It is understood that an order-in-council was issued at yesterday's privy council meeting in answer to the reply of the Manitoba government with respect to the remedial order, which will shortly be transmitted to Lieut.-Gov. Schultz. The order will request of Manitoba a more direct statement of its position in reference to the compromise suggested by the provincial reply. There is no suggestion of a commission to enquire into the past or present status of education in the province, but a request that the Manitoba government will state what amendments to the act of 1880 it is prepared to make in order to comply with the spirit of the judgment of the privy council.

Messrs. Carriere, Laine & Co., of Quebec, have been awarded the contract for lighthouse supplies.

Douglas Stewart, inspector of penitentiaries, has left for the Pacific coast.

An order-in-council has been passed, which will be transmitted to Her Majesty's government, with a copy of the French treaty bill passed at the recent session of parliament. The imperial authorities will be requested to secure the ratification of exchanges with France. Sir Mackenzie Bowell leaves to-morrow morning for the Northwest, to be present at the opening of the exhibition at Regina on Monday. He will be accompanied by Hon. T. M. Daly, Mrs. Daly and Hayter Reed, deputy superintendent of Indian affairs. It is understood that when the party have reached the Pacific coast one of the government steamers will be placed at the disposal of Sir Mackenzie and Messrs. Daly and Reed, to enable them to visit several of the Indian reservations along the northern shores of the province of British Columbia.

Hugh Sutherland, N. Boyd, M. P., and C. C. Carlisle, lately Canadian agent in Newfoundland, had a talk with the deputy minister of marine yesterday on the subject of the navigability of the Hudson's Straits. They are anxious that some suitable craft be dispatched to those waters in order to ascertain the exact length of the season of navigation that can be depended upon. Their impression is that the real difficulty likely to be encountered at early and late seasons is with ice in the straits. As for the bay itself they were in evidence that it may be safely navigated a month later in the year than navigation is possible to Montreal. Should this opinion prove to be correct it would be possible with a railway to Hudson's Bay, the promoters claim, to remove the greater bulk of the Northwest wheat crop before the close of navigation in the same year.

Ottawa, July 27.—Brown, Low & Ayler have been awarded the contract for the Peterboro and Lakeside division of the Trent Valley canal. The total length is six and a half miles, and the contract price \$300,000.

Colonel Gascoigne, of the Scotch Grenadier Guards, will likely succeed Major-General Herbert, whose resignation is officially announced.

Bones, of the New Brunswick customs department, has been superannuated, not dismissed.

A set of handsome testimonials will be presented to the captain and crew of the British steamer Ivan, of Liverpool, for the gallant rescue of the crew of the Nova Scotia brigantine Prussian, of Lunenburg. The story of the wreck shows that the Nova Scotia vessel had a terrible time of it. She left Cuba on January 22 this year with a cargo of manganese and maghogany, and when only seven days out bound north for Philadelphia, a gale sprang up which followed her for several days, and on February 11 left her a hopeless, leaking wreck. It was then that the Ivan hero in sight, lowered one of her lifeboats, and at a great risk to the men's lives succeeded in taking off the crew of the brigantine.

The Allans are renewing their agitation for an alteration in the shipping regulations regarding space. They have invited Mr. Magee, cattle commissioner, to make a trip on one of their cattle steamers to Liverpool and personally observe the result of the change in space among the cattle.

The case of Geo. Howson, charged with stealing \$15 from William Jensen, was up in the police court this morning. It was first agreed to withdraw the case, but that plan was abandoned, because, so it was stated, Howson refused to give up the money, claiming it to be due him for wages. It was then decided to proceed with the case, and Mr. Courtney, for the defense, asked for and was granted an adjournment until Tuesday next.

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R. J. Hawkey has been appointed teacher of Gordon Head school.

IN THE EASTERN PROVINCES

Col. Denison Unveils a Memorial to Canadians Who Fell at Lundy's Lane.

During an Altercation One Baseball Player Strikes Another and Kills Him.

Montreal, July 25.—There was a little flurry in local financial circles to-day when it became known that M. Benoit, manager of La Banque Nationale, had resigned his position. All sorts of rumors were afloat, and it was stated at the bank that the reason M. Benoit resigned was on account of differences of opinion between him and the directors. The archbishop has issued a circular requesting the priests in his diocese to pray for rain.

The extraordinary lowness of the River St. Lawrence is playing havoc with shipping, and agents are cabling home to England to warn shippers against loading their vessels too heavily. The water only registers 26 feet 5 inches. As a rule the lowest is about 20 feet. Niagara Falls, July 25.—Col. Denison, M. P. for Toronto, to-day unveiled the Dominion government memorial to the Canadians who fell at the battle of Lundy's Lane on July 25, 1812, in presence of a large number of people.

Toronto, July 25.—An injunction was applied for this morning to prevent the trustees of the Elm street Methodist church from spending any money in its hands to pay the choir or organist, and to prevent Rev. Mr. Galbraith, pastor of the church, from interfering with the trustee board.

Toronto, July 25.—When the Orange Supreme Grand Lodge of Canada met at Halifax on Tuesday, an effort will be made to secure legislation to the effect that supreme grand lodge officials shall not belong to political associations. The case in point is that of Supreme Secretary Birmingham, who is also organizer of the Federal Conservative party. The county lodge wants this changed.

Kingston, July 25.—While a baseball game was in progress at Sydenham village, 16 miles from here, William Cassell, third baseman of the Elginburg team, became refractory at the home plate in an altercation with P. Wycott, shortstop of the Odessa team, and in the melee the latter struck Cassell over the left temple with a bat. He was carried to the hotel and died of his injuries this morning.

Toronto, July 25.—The statement of Mrs. Doyle, of Chicago, that a relative of hers owned the house at No. 16 St. Vincent street, in which the remains of the Pictou children were found, is not correct. Mrs. Nadell, who owns the property, says that her late husband and herself have owned the house for twenty years and that no one has any interest in it except herself.

Wellington, July 25.—A terrible accident occurred in No. 5 shaft of the Wellington colliery yesterday, by which a Russian Finn, Victor Hill by name, lost his life beneath some loaded cars, which ran over his body, breaking his neck, besides inflicting other injuries, causing almost instantaneous death. Hill was a young man and unmarried.

Montreal, July 26.—In a drunken brawl James Hughes was beaten over the head by Fred Lapointe. Hughes cannot recover. Lapointe was arrested.

Winnipeg, July 26.—Returns are being received by the provincial department of agriculture which indicate that the wheat crop in the province between twenty-five and thirty million bushels.

Hamilton, July 26.—The body of Professor McGee, of Toronto University, drowned in Burlington Bay while bathing on Monday, was found yesterday.

Quebec, July 27.—Nazaire Feelecan fell down stairs to-day and was instantly killed.

Southampton, Ont., July 27.—John Cole was found dead with a bullet hole in his head. Probably suicide.

Winnipeg, July 26.—To-day's newspapers show that showers were general throughout Manitoba this morning. The farmers say they now have enough moisture to ensure a successful crop and are hopeful that the damp weather will not continue. The next crop bulletin of the provincial department will be issued during the first week in August. It is understood that the estimated yield of the wheat crop will be between twenty-five and thirty million bushels. This, judging by the reports so far received by the department, will be a conservative estimate. The Patrons of Industry are importing about 600,000 pounds of binder twine for the wheat harvest.

Several inquiries have been received from Ontario as to the possibility of shipping hay from this province to the drought-stricken districts of Ontario. The C. P. R. have quoted a reduced freight rate.

A jury to-day awarded Mrs. Stephen Lines \$200 in her suit against the electric street railway, owing to injuries received in a collision.

Colin Fraser, trader, of Chippewyan, sold to R. Secord the largest lot of furs ever brought to Edmonton. The price paid was \$20,000.

Kingston, July 26.—The coroner's jury which is investigating the death of William Castell, who was killed by being struck with a bat at the Sydenham picnic on Wednesday, brought in a verdict of manslaughter against Robert Wycott, who is now in jail. Castell's skull, it was found, was no thicker than the blade of a knife.

Sutton, July 26.—Nelson Rollins, aged 22, a brakeman on the C. P. R., fell between the cars last night and was frightfully mangled. He lived for half an hour.

Ottawa, July 26.—A lamentable drowning accident is reported from Aylmer, about nine miles from here. The victims are W. C. Alexander and Edward Brophy, and Percy Winsfield. The

Brophy boys were sons of G. P. Brophy, vice-president of the Ottawa Electric railway and were from 23 to 13 years of age. Winsfield was a son of Rev. W. T. Winsfield, chaplain to the Governor-General. The boys were sailing on the lake when a squall arose and capsized their boat. One of the party, young Miall, son of the commissioner of inland revenue, was saved.

Cornwall, July 26.—The store of J. A. Rosente was entered by burglars last night and a hole drilled in the safe. A considerable sum of money, over \$2,000, was taken.

Winnipeg, July 26.—Senator Reid, Quesselle, T. R. McInnes, Westminster; Col. Prior, M. P., and Thos. Earle, M. P., four B. C. parliamentarians, passed through this city en route to the coast. Kingston, July 26.—Mary E. Robertson, employed at Marsden, Alexandria Bay, N. Y., has begun action in the supreme court against her husband, George Robertson, for divorce. The parties were married at Lorne Island, Canada, on July 20, 1891.

Toronto, July 26.—The Grand Orange Lodge, which opens on Tuesday at Halifax, will continue probably for three or four days. It is understood that one county lodge and five district lodges in Toronto will be represented. It is generally believed that E. F. Clarke, ex-mayor of Toronto, will oppose Hon. Clarke Wallace for the grand mastership. Prominent Orangemen do not think the present grand master will resign, and there will be a spirited contest.

BURNING OF A FOUNDRY.

Plant of the Point Ellice Iron Works Destroyed Last Night.

The foundry of the Point Ellice Iron Works was almost entirely destroyed by fire last evening. The stock of the foundry was about all destroyed and only the frame of the building, burned and charred beyond all usefulness, remains. The alarm came in by bell and telephone shortly after 7 o'clock, and although the men made a good run to the district the fire had gained such headway when they arrived that they knew it was doomed. The first line was run from Henry and Turner streets, where a hydrant had just been placed, and another from Bridge and John streets, 1200 feet away. It was useless to try and save the foundry, then completely enveloped, and the fight of the firemen was to prevent a spread to the adjoining shops and factories. A boat house afloat just below the doomed building took fire and the men waded out into the water to get their line to it. The blaze there was quickly put out. The fire was confined to the foundry, which was completely destroyed. The building was one and a half stories high and 70x40 feet in size, and was valued at between \$800 and \$1000. The loss on stock, such as patterns, castings and machinery, is placed at \$2000. The building was insured for \$500 in the Guardian and stock for \$1000 in the Phoenix of Brooklyn.

E. Byrnes & Co., who were operating the plant, have a lot of orders ahead, including work for the Dominion government building and the city water works. They will prepare at once for the rebuilding of the plant and will resume work as usual in about 10 days.

DURRANT'S TRIAL.

Change of Venue Denied—One Juror man Selected.

San Francisco, July 26.—A number of young women struggled with other curiosity seekers to obtain admission to the trial of Theodore Durrant for the murder of Blanche Lamont yesterday. The proceedings opened with the district attorney's attempt to controvert the defendant's application for a change of venue. After a number of affidavits had been presented, stating the defendant would have a fair trial in San Francisco, Judge Murphy refused the defendant's application for a change of venue, giving Durrant the right to renew the motion. The empanelling of jurors commenced to-night. Durrant, who was accompanied to the court by his father and mother, maintains his calm and unconcerned demeanor.

It is evident that the defence will take every advantage of technicalities. They objected to the entire jury panel because the minutes were defective of the meeting of the superior judges when the list of 3600 jurors was selected. Presiding Judge Sanderson testified to-day as to the proceedings at the meeting of judges. Then Judge Murphy overruled the defendant's objection. An attempt to obtain jurors then began. It is evident that this will take a number of days at least. The questions of the prosecution were mainly directed to ascertain if a juror would accept circumstantial evidence and would not hesitate to inflict the death penalty for murder. The defendant's questions were based upon the jurors' familiarity with the newspaper comments upon the crime and Durrant's connection with it. Almost every man summoned as a juror has formed an opinion as to Durrant's guilt which will take strong evidence to remove. Up to noon to-day only one juror had been temporarily accepted. He may be challenged by the defence later on. His name is Thomas W. Sieberly.

From information received it is now almost certain that Richard Carter, of Comox, who disappeared from Nanaimo about June 14th, has gone to England. On that day Carter, who had come down from Comox on the Joan, bought a ticket at the E. & N. railway office for Victoria. He did not take the train, and nothing was heard of him for some time. His father was of the opinion at the time that he had been foully dealt with, but has since satisfied himself that his son went to England.

Major Jewer, of Toronto, one of the brightest officers in the Salvation Army service, died very suddenly at Toronto a few days ago.

LATE CABLE DISPATCHES

Germany Will Place All Kinds of Insurance Under Imperial Supervision.

Balfour Wants Lowther for Speaker—Revolutionary Movement in Bulgaria.

London, July 26.—Sixteen hundred cases of California fruit, which arrived at Southampton from New York by the steamship St. Louis yesterday morning, sold at auction in Covent Garden market to-day, fetching prices which were one-half below those of last week. Plums averaged 7s. 1d. per case; peaches 8s., and pears 11s. 7d.

The United States cruiser Columbia sailed from Southampton for New York at 12:30 p.m. to-day on her speed test across the Atlantic.

Lady Frances Rose-Gunning, widow of the Rev. Henry John Gunning, fourth baronet of that name, who died in 1885, was charged to-day with forging a bill of exchange of £50, using the name of her father, the Rev. William Henry Spencer, uncle of Baron Churchill and rector of Great Houghton, Northamptonshire. She was remanded.

A dispatch received at Paris from Constantinople says that sanguinary conflicts have taken place between the Turks and Persians on the Persian frontier.

An explosion of fire damp occurred yesterday in the Prinz von Preussen mine at Bochum, Westphalia. The bodies of 32 victims of the accident have already been recovered and a number of persons are still missing. Search parties are experiencing the utmost difficulty in exploring the mine. In addition to the killed, nine men were severely burned by the explosion. Most distressing scenes were witnessed at the mouth of the pit.

While no official news has been received concerning the reported friction between the Venezuelans and British colonists in Trinidad, growing out of the seizure of a British trading craft in colonial waters, it is believed that the difficulty has resulted from the efforts of the Venezuelans to maintain a strict guard off their coast against the landing of revolutionary forces. The British island of Trinidad is near the Venezuelan coast and the two points known as the Serpents Mouth channels, separating the island from the mainland, are so narrow as to make it very difficult to distinguish the lines of jurisdiction between British and Venezuelan waters. It is at these places that the seizures have been made by Venezuelans.

A dispatch from Colon says the strike of the wharf, ship and other laborers, including switchmen on the railroad, causing utter stagnation in business circles, is partially over, although it continues at Panama. However, all troubles will be over in a few days. The transit of the isthmus is not impeded.

London, July 26.—The correspondent of the Standard at Berlin says that a bill is being prepared to place all kinds of insurance business under imperial supervision. It is probable if it is adopted that it will lead to the creation of a special insurance department of the imperial home office.

The Daily News, the Liberal organ, stated this morning that it understands that Hon. A. J. Balfour, who is to be the leader of the house of commons, wishes Mr. James William Lowther to become speaker.

A Constantinople dispatch to the Chronicle says that there has been a heavy fall in the funds on rumors of fighting in Macedonia. No details have been received.

The Vienna correspondent of the Daily News says that there are rumors of a revolutionary uprising in Bulgaria with hostile demonstrations at Sofia and elsewhere against Princes Ferdinand and M. Sterloff, the Bulgarian premier.

It is reported that the Turkish council decided to mobilize all the reserves along the whole seaboard of the empire in all of the principal towns. This measure, entailing great financial sacrifices, is only explained by the acute situation of affairs in several different spots.

The funeral to-day at Berlin of Dr. Rudolph Genist, formerly the instructor of the present emperor, brought out an immense concourse of people. The Emperor William, the Dowager Empress Frederick, his mother, and the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Baden, aunt of the Emperor William, sent splendid wreaths, which were laid upon the bier, and sent telegrams of condolence to his family.

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