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ALLEGED COMMISSARY FRAUDS PROMISE REMARKABLE CASE.

A Lot of Objections Made by Defence, Overruled by Court and Evidence of Officials is Taken.

Manila, April 29.—The trial of the former depot commissary at Manila, Captain James O. Reed, arrested for alleged participation in the commissary frauds, was begun here today...

of the commissary scandals, Captain Reed admitted having recovered money from Schindler and others and gave an excuse that the money so recovered was intended to cover Major Davis' best shortage.

Mr. Schindler, manager of the Alhambra cigar factory, testified that in November Captain Reed had told him that Major Geo. B. Davis, who was the depot commissary before Captain Reed, had who was sent to the United States on sick leave, and whose name appears upon the books of Evans & Co., government contractors at Manila, as the recipient of \$1,000, was \$2,000 short in his account.

Col. Woodruff, chief of the subsistence department in Manila, explained that on December 20 Captain Reed, arrested his suspicion by intimating that money was being collected by an officer of the commissary department. Later, Col. Woodruff sent for Captain Reed, who admitted receiving rebates for the purpose of covering the delinquencies of Major Davis was post commissary at Manila.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Government Documents Found—More Boers Surrendered.

London, April 29.—A detachment from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, April 23, says: "General Buller has discovered at Rosenskiel, South African republic government documents and a large number of blank notes."

AS TO EXPRESS RECEIPTS.

Rule Relative to Receipts for Goods from the United States to Foreign Countries.

Washington, April 29.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes has ruled that express receipts for goods and merchandise to be transported from the United States to a foreign country are not exempt from tax, under decisions of the United States supreme court, in the matter of express bills of lading.

Probate Court.

The will of the late Hon. Thomas H. Jones was admitted to probate Monday and letters testamentary granted to his widow, Mary J. Jones, and H. Lawrence Sturdee, the executor and executor named in the will. The estate is valued at \$38,000 real property and \$22,000 personal property. The widow is the beneficiary under the will. Messrs. Currey & Vincent, probators.

Eight Artillerymen Burned to Death.

Cannes, France, April 29.—Fire broke out last night at the artillery camp in the vicinity of the village of St. Jean. Eight artillerymen were incinerated and several were injured.

Marine Engineers' Strike Ended.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 29.—The strike of the marine engineers, so far as Buffalo is concerned, is practically off. The Anchor line and the Western Transit Company, today signed their engineers at the rate demanded by them and it is expected that other lines will follow. The Engineers' Association was not recognized.

Silk Workers Give Up Strike.

Saratoga, Pa., April 29.—About half of the 1,500 girls employed at the Spangnick silk mills were back at work today. All the strikers will be back in the course of a few days. The strike was officially declared off today.

DRY DOCK SCHEME.

Mr. George Robertson is Hopeful.

SPEAKS IN OTTAWA.

Says He is Well Satisfied With the Result of His Mission to England --Will Now Make His Report to the Canadian Government--Interviews Hon. Mr. Blair.

Ottawa, April 29.—(Special)—Geo. Robertson, of St. John, who has been absent in England for the past 13 months in connection with his scheme for the building of a dry dock at St. John, arrived here tonight. He came direct to Ottawa, staying over a day in Montreal with a view of reporting the result of his mission to the Ottawa authorities.

"I am generally well satisfied," said Mr. Robertson, on being seen by our correspondent tonight, "with the result of my visit to England. I have come to Ottawa for the purpose of making a report to the government, and until I have done so, I cannot say anything on the subject. I will be here for two or three days and may have something to say before I leave. But as I said at the outset, I am generally well satisfied with what I have accomplished during my absence."

"This was all Mr. Robertson would say. The dominion government aids the dry dock project by giving one per cent. on the amount expended up to \$1,000,000 for 20 years. The city of St. John, under provincial government aid, is to contribute \$1,000,000. If energy, industry and good judgment can accomplish anything, and Mr. Robertson has shown all these in his tireless work in connection with this dry dock scheme, why then the people of St. John ought to see this proposed undertaking under way at no distant date."

DOCK TROUBLE AT QUEBEC.

Ship Laborers Interfere With Men Employed as Grain Trimmers—Police Take a Hand.

Quebec, April 29.—(Special)—There was a repetition of the old ship laborers' trouble here today. Some men employed by the Great Northern Elevator Company—grain trimmers, etc.—started to work to load the Belgian, of the Leyland line, when a number of the regular ship laborers interfered.

The row did not last long, however, because a strong detachment of the police force was on hand to keep the peace. The Great Northern Company made an offer to the ship laborers last week, but the latter did not consider the wages proposed large enough, and the police, by a strong detachment, were called in to break up the men employed at loading the Leyland steamer Belgian which will be protected tomorrow against any interference by strong detachments of police, and by the men employed at loading the Leyland Company to keep off intruders and prevent them going on board.

DIED ON THE MONTFORT.

New Brunswick Member of Baden-Powell Police.

Thomas Patton, Colong street, yesterday received a letter announcing the death of his son, Thomas Patton, enlisted with the Baden-Powell constabulary. The death of the young man occurred on the transport Montfort Easter Sunday, on the passage from Halifax to Cape Town. Trooper Patton was formerly in the employ of Brock & Patterson, St. John. When he enlisted in the constabulary he was residing in Sussex.

Brief Despatches.

Lajata, Md., April 29.—A large portion of this village was destroyed by fire today, causing a loss of about \$50,000.

New York, April 29.—A mail-on-avenue electric car, running at a high rate of speed, struck a Fifth Avenue stage coach tonight, at 80th street. The coach was overturned and five women passengers and the driver were seriously injured.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—Mr. Frank A. Vandenberg, former assistant secretary of the United States treasury, was received by the finance minister, M. De Witte, today. Mr. De Witte took occasion to again emphasize his friendship for the United States.

United States Ambassador Tower and Prince Kitchoff, the minister of public works, and railways will receive Mr. Vandenberg tomorrow. He will leave for Stockholm tomorrow.

Benjamin Levy, alias Bernard Levy, was today convicted of bookmaking before Recorder Goff and remanded for sentence. This is the first bookmaking conviction in this county in years. Levy was arrested by agents for the Society for Prevention of Crime.

Grand Trunk Accident.

Parkhill, Ont., April 29.—(Special)—The west-bound freight on the Grand Trunk ran into an open switch here this afternoon. Fireman Grievs was instantly killed and Engineer Martin badly injured. Ten cars were wrecked.

Y. M. C. A. Jubilee Convention.

Boston, April 29.—Major General Jos. Wheeler, Captain Richard P. Hobson and Mrs. E. A. McAlpin, of New York, are to be among the speakers at the Army and Navy session of the Jubilee Y. M. C. A. convention in Boston on Wednesday evening, June 12.

PRESTON SUES.

Brings Libel Action Against Ottawa Journal.

CAME FROM COOK CASE.

Sum Demanded is \$10,000, and Libel is Alleged in Letter Published by Journal—Preston Says He Will Spend His Last Dollar in the Case.

Toronto, April 29.—(Special)—W. T. R. Preston, through his solicitor, today issued a writ for \$10,000 for libel against the Ottawa Journal. The alleged libel, he claims, is contained in a letter published by the Journal in which J. E. Rochester, Preston's cousin, made severe reflections on the latter's character and on his evidence before the senate committee in the Cook investigation.

SOUTH AFRICAN HERO.

C. Wood Arrives at Halifax En Route to This Province to Visit Friends.

Halifax, April 29.—(Special)—Sergeant Al. P. Wood, C. I. E., who was committed to prison by court martial for 108 days and ordered to be reduced and discharged from the regiment with ignominy, left for Dorchester penitentiary today to serve his term.

JURYMAN DISAPPEARS.

Causes Complication in Case—Verdict in, But Cannot Be Opened.

Boston, April 29.—The sudden and unexplainable disappearance of Jurymen Patrick Farrell has caused a singular complication in connection with the prosecution of the Superior court of James R. Hamilton, a Roxbury restaurant keeper, accused for receiving for a year or more, when a number of quantities of cigars, tobacco and cigarettes, stolen from Mr. Greeney Bros. & Manning, by three young men who, last week, admitted their guilt. The jury was returned after adjournment Friday and brought in a sealed verdict which should have been opened today, but Farrell could not be located and the verdict cannot be announced until the jury is in the box.

FIVE MEN ASPHYXIATED.

Explosion of Gas in Coal Mine Yesterday.

South McAlester, I. T., April 29.—An explosion of gas occurred today in the mine of the McAlester Coal Company, at Alderson, by which five men lost their lives, seven were injured and another is missing. The killed: Emanuel Taylor (colored), Wiley Clark and brother (colored), Andrew Percoll, Domingo Vesolity. It is not definitely known how the gas ignited. The dead were all asphyxiated. No damage was done to the mine.

\$50,000,000 Steel Company.

Trenton, N. J., April 29.—The Pennsylvania Steel Company, with an authorized capital of \$50,000,000, was incorporated here this afternoon. The incorporators are Edgingham B. Morris, Edgar C. Felton and Luther S. Best, of Camden, N. J., which is the registered New Jersey office of the company. The capital is divided into \$25,000,000 preferred and \$25,000,000 common. The preferred stock is to pay seven per cent. non-cumulative dividends.

Miners' Strike Not Likely.

St. Etienne, France, April 29.—The result of the referendum held in all the coal basins yesterday on the question whether a general strike of miners should be declared in support of the miners on strike at Montreuil Les Mines, shows that a majority of the 165,000 French miners abstained from voting, so a general strike is improbable.

Red Hat for Cardinal Martinielli.

New York, April 29.—On the disabled American liner New York, which passed Fire Island tonight, is Count Stanislaus Golacchi, who is bringing from the Vatican the red hat for Cardinal Martinielli.

Mrs. Carrie Nation.

Wichita, Kas., April 29.—It is said the cases in this county against Carrie Nation for the alleged destruction of saloon property will be dropped.

More Smallpox.

Kirkfield, Ont., April 29.—(Special)—Dr. Ross, local medical health officer, yesterday located 10 cases of smallpox on Trent Valley canal works.

The Royal Travellers.

Melbourne, April 29.—The steamer Opah, bearing the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, has been sighted off Cape Leeuwin, the most south-western point of Australia.

REV. J. M. DAVENPORT BILL TO MAKE MAY 24 A HOLIDAY

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DIFFER ON THEOLOGY.

Toronto Paper says Two Factions Now Are in St. Thomas' Church, One Siding With the Rector, the Other With Curate—Latter Will Remain Until He Secures Another Post.

The Toronto Mail and Empire has a long article upon affairs in St. Thomas' church, of which Rev. J. M. Davenport is acting rector. It says in part: "Rev. John M. Davenport, acting rector of St. Thomas' church, has intimated to Rev. F. G. Plummer, the curate, that it would be advisable for him to seek another charge. For the past five years Mr. Plummer has acted as curate and choir-master of the church, and has a large following among the members of the congregation."

PURCHASE OF LEYLAND LINE.

J. P. Morgan & Co. Said to Have Bought—The Outlook.

Montreal, April 29.—(Special)—A telegram was received here tonight announcing the purchase, by J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. of the Leyland line steamships. Authorities of the Leyland line state that the purchase will not interfere with the Canadian business. (By Associated Press.)

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BILL TO MAKE MAY 24 A HOLIDAY MADE A GOVERNMENT MEASURE.

Mr. Ganong Wanted To Know About Bennett-Dawson Telegraph Line—Ancient Order of Foresters' Bill—Graduated Increase in Salaries of Judges.

Ottawa, April 29.—(Special)—At the opening of the house the premier announced that he believed that it was the general wish that May 24th should continue to be a public holiday. He therefore moved that Dr. Horsey's bill, for the purpose of making the day a permanent holiday to be known as Victoria Day, should be made a government bill. If this had not been done the bill would not have been reached this session, government business now having precedence over all other legislation, except private bills, and Dr. Horsey's bill being of the character of legislation known as "Hulley bills and orders," that is, legislation of a public character but furthered by private members.

In reply to Mr. Ganong, Hon. Mr. Tarte said that the construction of the telegraph line from Bennett to Dawson was commenced in the spring of 1899, and was completed in September, 1899. Its completion to Ashcroft is expected early this summer—by the first of July. The latest returns to land are up to December 31st, 1900. The total number of messages sent from June, 1899, to December, 1900, was 41,816, and the amount of revenue was \$107,712. The number of messages sent over the line during the 12 months of the year 1900, was 22,180, and the revenue was \$87,430. The average per month was 1,848 messages and receipts, \$7,302. The tariff for one line, when connection is made through Ashcroft, is not yet determined. The cost of the line as far as finished is \$430,000. The cost of the through line when completed will be about \$800,000. The length of the line from Bennett to Tagish is 46 miles; Tagish to Dawson, 518 miles; Tagish to Atlin, 75 miles, and from Atlin to Ashcroft, about 1,250 miles.

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The bill respecting the Ancient Order of Foresters was put through the committee stage. Mr. Ingram said he had been asked to move the six months' bill by 205 members of the order, who feared the legislation would increase their rates. At the suggestion of the minister of finance, Mr. Ingram allowed the matter to stand over till the third reading. He said the House then went into committee on the bill to amend the dominion elections act.

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