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FIFTIETH YEAR

FT. WILLIAM AUTHORITIES STRIKERS RIOT AGAIN

Eight Policemen and Three Strikers Were Shot in a Battle at the Twin City at Noon Today

R. C. M. R. RUSHING TO THE SCENE

Fight Began When the Strike-Breakers Were Ordered to Replace the Union Men and War is On

Fort William, Ont., Aug. 12.—Trouble which has been brewing for some time broke out shortly after noon today when a battle occurred between C. P. R. special police constables and the striking dock laborers. Shots were fired thick and fast and eight men were wounded.

The fight began on the arrival of strikebreakers here today. All the strikers were heavily armed. The wounded were taken to the hospital. Sergeant Taylor, of the city police force, slightly, C. M. Dickenson, of the Daily Times Journal, slightly; Chief of the Canadian Pacific Police C. F. Ball, seriously in the abdomen; C. Carpenter, knee broken; Jack Lake, slightly.

The riot act will be read this afternoon and the militia called out if the trouble continues. The battle opened when the special constables tried to return to their work after lunch and strikers refused to let them go back.

One of the constables drew his gun and fired and one man fell. In a few seconds men appeared from every doorway and a general shooting was directed at the C. P. R. hotel. Eight C. P. R. men and three strikers were wounded.

R. C. M. R. Hurry to Scene
Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—Orders were received from Ottawa this afternoon for the Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles to leave by special train immediately for Fort William, where serious riots are occurring between special constables and striking dock laborers.

OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—Returns of canal traffic for the months of the present spring season ending June 30 show decreased tonnage through Soo, Welland, Ottawa River system and St. Lawrence canal of respectively 1,182, 102, 42, 283, 30, 750 and 77,869 tons, while increases are shown in tonnage through Rideau and Trent canals of 1,600 and 10,500 tons. The decreases are probably due to the strike on the Great Lakes remaining months of navigation are expected to show increased traffic.

THE NEWS OF TODAY

Fort William freight handlers declare they will resist efforts to send breakers into their places tomorrow.

Premier McBride selected as one of principal speakers to welcome Taft at Seattle.

Carlessness causes street car collision in Hamilton, Ont.

Many complications face new Turkish Government.

Professional safe blowers operate at Fernie.

Justice Mills remands Thaw to asylum.

Bruce Eggo released on suspended sentence.

President Taft, after an extended visit with Ambassador O'Brien, returned from Japan, says eastern situation is satisfactory.

Some talk of having young Shah abdicate in favor of some one else.

Backbone of Swedish strike believed to be broken.

Police learn slayer of Middletown, N.Y., hotel man was "Big Tom" McAuley, a well known underworld character.

John Welch, of Winnipeg, was drowned at Vermilion, Alta.

McCurdy and Baldwin's airship has not flown.

Five persons were burned in a house in Hancock, Mich.

Northern Pacific seeks extension of option on Island coal field.

Alderman Lariviere on stand at Montreal hearing of commission admits methods were bad.

McCurdy-Baldwin aerodrome merely runs on ground in test at Petawawa today.

Mrs. Bamfield of Victoria West in police court charged with malicious obstruction of Esquimaux Waterworks Company.

Judge Lindsay, the children's magistrate, may visit Victoria.

JUSTICE MILLS IN DECISION ON INSANITY HEARING REMANDS THE MURDERER TO ASYLUM AS A CRIMINAL PARANOIA

Justice Mills in Decision on Insanity Hearing Remands the Murderer to Asylum as a Criminal Paranoia

REVIEWS MAN'S LIFE HISTORY

End of Notorious Case is Failure For Slayer of Stanford White—The Habeas Corpus Writ Thrown Out

White Plains, N. Y., August 12.—Justice Mills handed down a decision this morning declaring that Harry K. Thaw is insane. He dismissed the habeas corpus writ under which Thaw endeavored to secure his release from Mattewan and remanded him to the custody of the state authorities of that institution.

After discussing the evidence Justice Mills drew the following conclusion: "The insanity with which Harry K. Thaw was afflicted on June 25, 1906, at the time he committed the homicide, was of the kind known as chronic delusion, insanity, or paranoia, and the conclusion rests upon the following facts, which appear to be clearly proven:

There was, in his ancestral stock, a substantial but not very strong trace of insanity. By 'not very strong' is meant the fact that an one of his direct ancestors was ever insane. Upon the maternal side two uncles were of feeble mind, and one of them, a portion of his life, and on his father's side an aunt was at least an epileptic and some remote relatives were undoubtedly insane, though as to that the evidence with three other men of his party in one of their ancestral lines not common to the prisoner's own descent.

"As a young child he was physically weak and nervous, nervous and abnormally wakeful. Older, he was subject to violent spells amounting almost to paroxysms without any apparent natural adequate cause. He attended various schools for different periods from the age of six upwards, but made little progress in study. While at school, especially in his earlier years, he had frequent outbreaks of uncontrollable excitement in which his facial appearance was wild and staring."

Continuing his history of Thaw's life, Justice Mills said: "About 1901 he became enamored of a young woman, Miss Nesbit, whom he afterwards married. She was then, by common reputation well known to him, the mistress, or a mistress, of Stanford White, and he was obviously attracted to her for her former position with White, told him various wild and grossly improbable stories of the insanity of that relation. Although he, Thaw, evidently was himself far from sane, he was then engaged or soon thereafter became engaged in practices of a perverted character, as revealed by the testimony of the Merrill woman, which, with the corroboration afforded by other evidence in the case, appears credible, he gave absolute credence to the tales told him by Miss Nesbit about White. He obtained similar information as to White's conduct with a few other young women, either directly from them or through Miss Nesbit, all of which information was of the same wild and improbable character, evidently, to any normal mind, grossly exaggerated. He all, however, he gave implicit belief. His mind became absolutely possessed with these stories, which he believed to such an extent that he was plainly a delusion. In that mental condition, at the roof garden, he came into the presence of White, doubtless unexpectedly, and publicly shot him to death in a spectacular and theatrical manner, in so doing he believed that he was acting as the agent of Providence and performing a praiseworthy act like that of David slaying Goliath, or St. George in killing the dragon."

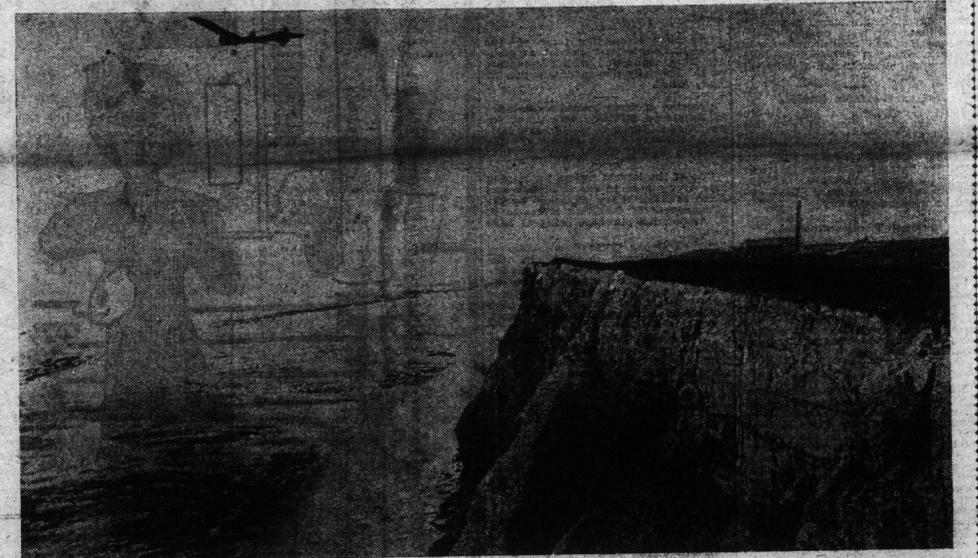
MILTON, Ont., Aug. 12.—The wholesale boot and shoe warehouse of Winn and Company was gutted by fire today. The extent of the loss is not known. The stock was valued at \$24,000.

BIG PLANT WILL BENEFIT ISLAND.

Vancouver, Aug. 12.—Plans for the establishment of an iron and steel works in the vicinity of Vancouver representing an investment of nearly three million dollars, are considerably advanced. The proposed enterprise is being initiated by J. A. Moore, a well known Seattle capitalist, in conjunction with prominent local capitalists. It is the intention of the promoters to draw their supplies of raw material from the vast deposits at Quat-sino Sound, Vancouver Island, and from Texada Island. Construction work is expected to be started early next year. Several prospective sites are now under consideration.

TORONTO, Aug. 12.—J. A. G. Anderson, Bank of Montreal clerk, who yesterday pleaded guilty to passing forged cheques on the T. Eaton Company, was sentenced today to three years in the penitentiary. Anderson was arrested two weeks ago.

The First Flight Across the British Channel—Latham Leaving the White Cliffs of England



Although Louis Bleriot enjoys the high honor of being the first to cross the channel 'wing', the adventurous voyage was but all accomplished a few weeks earlier by the English aviator Hubert Latham. Leaving the cliffs of Dover on July 19 at early day he was but six miles off the coast of France when, owing to something going wrong with his motor, his monoplane came down, falling into the sea, where it was picked up by a watchful French torpedo boat. Latham was found philosophically smoking a cigarette and consoling himself with reflections as to "better luck next time."

SLAYER WAS WELL KNOWN AS CROOK

Ex-Convict Called McSorley, Who Killed Fenton, Was "Big Tom" McAuley, Noted Bowery Character

HAD SWORN TO KILL SEVERAL

New York, Aug. 12.—James McSorley, the ex-convict, who killed Daniel M. Fenton, a hotel keeper in Middletown, N. Y., yesterday, had started out with the intention of "getting even" with several men whom he was an enemy and had a hand in sentencing him to prison for stealing a car.

The detectives said that McSorley was in this city on Friday last and when he was encountered on the Bowery, was locked up as a suspicious character. He was later discharged, but not before he had made a number of threats in conversations with the detectives. The latter say they thought nothing of the threats at the time, believing them the bragadoles of the man. McSorley, they now say, mentioned Chief of Police Cosgrove, "Iron Gaultier," and another "underworld" member as belonging to his gang that he turned against him and every member of which he had vowed to kill. McSorley was particularly vindictive against Fenton, the detectives say.

They quote him as asserting "Fenton was my bosom friend for years. We had been 'boosters' for take shows together. He was to be put on the jury and it was fixed that he was to stand for acquittal no matter what evidence was put in against me. All went well until the trial came off, when old Fenton turned on me and voted for conviction, and I got five years."

McSorley is said to have had a brother in New York and another in Newark the latter a man of considerable means.

McSorley's real name, it became known tonight was Thomas McAuley known in the "underworld" as "Big Tom." His picture and pedigree are in the "Rogue's" gallery at police headquarters and he had done two terms in prison. It was his open threat that he would kill the other two others of his old pals, who had done him dirt, before he died.

Three men, whom the police know for crooks, accused headquarters' detectives today and begged a dollar to bury "Big Tom."

"Why, him that croaked Fenton yesterday" came the answer, and then the detectives knew who the mysterious "McSorley" was.

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COLLIE DOG SAVES BABY GIRL'S LIFE

Saw Youngster Fall Into Rain Barrel and Whined and Barked Until the Child's Mother Was Attracted

TRIED FLIGHT AND SUICIDE

London, Ont., Aug. 12.—Catherine Brahm, a 14-month-old girl, was saved last night from drowning through an alarm given by a collie that was chained nearby. The baby girl in creeping around the house fell into a rain barrel partly sunk in the ground. Mrs. Brahm heard the dog barking and at first paid no attention. Then the collie, tugging at its chain, started to whine and bark more loudly than ever, when the mother, looking out, discovered the child's feet protruding from the water barrel. The little one was at once pulled out and a doctor sent for.

The baby was then unconscious and the dog's demonstration of joy was as anxious as had been the alarm that he had so faithfully given.

WHEN PREMIER MEETS PRESIDENT

Seattle, Aug. 12.—The governors of all three of the states of the Northwest and also the governor of Alaska and the premier of British Columbia, and the premier of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition on that day, September 26. One of the most brilliant receptions ever accorded to any man in the West will be tendered to the president during his visit at the fair.

The exercises of the afternoon will be held in the natural amphitheatre at 2 o'clock. Addresses by Governor Brady, of Idaho, Governor Benson, of Oregon, Governor Hays, of Washington, Governor Clark, of Alaska, and Premier McBride, of British Columbia, will be included. The speech of welcome to the president will be given by President J. E. Chilberg, of the exposition. The ball and reception will be held in the Washington State building, especially decorated for the occasion, and the best musical talent in the Northwest will be secured. President Taft will arrive with his party at 8:40 in the evening of September 23, and will leave Seattle at 10:40 p. m. on October 1.

Still Seek Girl's Slayer
Rochester, N.Y., Aug. 12.—Since just before noon yesterday, county town and city officials with many farmers and city laborers, some of whom were armed with shot guns, have been searching the marshes that extend from near Holy Sepulchre cemetery west along the shores of Lake Ontario and a number of ponds for the murderer of Anna Schumacher, the 17-year-old girl who was assaulted and killed at the cemetery last Saturday afternoon. Last night a posse of about fifty farmers and officers continued the hunt, as it is thought the man is in the swale and may try to escape under cover of darkness. The suspect who is now being hunted, was put off a Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh train just west of the cemetery at two o'clock this morning and he is said to have been hanging about the district for two or three days.

COMPLICATIONS FACE THE PERSIANS

Many Nomad Tribes Decline to Recognize New Government and New Shah Doesn't Want His Job

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 12.—A special despatch received here from Teheran says that Mohammed Ali, the deposed shah of Persia, will leave the country August 17, and that the young shah, his favorite son, is downcast at the prospect of a separation from his parents. According to reports current in Teheran, the youthful ruler recently made an unsuccessful attempt at flight and when he was frustrated in this he tried to commit suicide.

The government is considering the possibility of his abdication in favor of some one else.

Many complications face the new government of Persia. Several of the nomad tribes as well as the cities of Shiraz and Kasgar have refused to recognize it.

A brother of the deposed shah, Salar Dowlat, is marching on Teheran (Continued on Page Two)

M'CURDY 'DROME DECLINES TO FLY

Officials Gather to See Air Test at Petawawa and the Machine Only Runs on the Ground

PETAWAWA, Ont., Aug. 12.—Although this marks the tenth day since Messrs. McCurdy and Baldwin began putting the aerodrome Baddock No. 1 together, there has been no flight yet.

It begins to look as if there is difficulty in demonstrating that the new aerodrome can fly. In the presence of Major Maunsell, director general of engineer of the military department, and many others the drome was taken out at 6.45. The machine took one run across a field and stopped there.

After a wait of over a quarter of an hour it was shoved back to the shed. The only explanation Messrs. McCurdy and Baldwin had for such a very unusual state of affairs was: "We were just trying her out to see how she would run on the ground and had no intention of making a flight."

Deputy Minister of Militia, Major General Maunsell, master general of ordnance, General Otter, chief of staff, General Macdonald, quartermaster general, and Major Maunsell, director of engineers, all members of the military council, arrived here to witness aerodrome tests and inspect the camp. Deputy Minister Fleet expressed the opinion that Canada should not buy any aerodromes at present until more is known about them.

SWEDISH STRIKE NEARING THE END

Stockholm, Aug. 12.—The belief is gaining ground that the backbone of the general strike has been broken. Workmen of various kinds resumed their duties today. Some 15,000 strikers attended a meeting in the woods south of Stockholm this afternoon. There was a riot at Norberg today as a result of which 22 persons were arrested.

Strikebreakers for Sweden
London, Aug. 12.—Several shiploads of British unemployed left Hull yesterday for Sweden to work in the places of striking Swedes, despite a warning from the trades unions that they will be ostracized henceforth.

FOUND TRAPS RUNNING AGAINST AGREEMENT.

Vancouver, Aug. 12.—A committee of union fishermen, of Steveston, last Saturday and Sunday visited the Puget Sound Sockeye traps during the hours which would be in the weekly closed season under the international arrangement, and found the traps running full flat and thousands of Sockeyes being caught. An official complaint to the Government will be made.

The McCurdy-Baldwin aerodrome at Petawawa may not be able to fly but it has been proved conclusively that it can run along the ground almost as well as a farmer's cart.

DEPARTMENT WAS BADLY RUN

Alderman Lariviere on Stand at Montreal Hearing is Candid in His Denouncement of Methods

ALDERMEN PESTERED CITY SURVEYOR

Gave Him No Time to Attend to Duties—Lariviere Tells Why He Was Removed From Office

Montreal, Aug. 12.—Alderman Lariviere went on the witness stand for the Royal Commission this morning, and with perfect candour gave it as his opinion that the administration of the road department is bad.

Alderman Lariviere was chairman of the Road Committee until February last, when he was turned out of office by the Giroux faction.

"The aldermen are pestering the city surveyor" said the witness. "Their daily demands upon him take up so much time that he cannot attend to his technical duties or take steps to make order of the chaos that, according to this morning's testimony, exists on the inner side of the department administration."

The best plans of street levels, etc., in the drawing office were made twenty-five years ago and the official papers and documents have not been classified for the past two years.

Ald. Lariviere suggested that a campaign be made against Ald. Brunet in order to depose him from the chairmanship of the committee. He made because he and his colleagues insisted that Rodolphe Brunet should put down good flagstone in place of bad cobbles, such as was put down in 1907, before one cent's worth of work was given to him in 1908.

Another significant fact was that the valuable quarry the city owns at Outremont has been closed since 1907. In consequence the city has had to purchase its macadam stone from outside contractors at a uniform price of one dollar a ton. Thus thirty cents a ton could be saved by the city and sixty or seventy cents could be engaged at the quarry continually during the season.

MONTEBERRY, Mex., Aug. 12.—The railroad lines are tied up on account of washouts, north and south of the city, and no trains have arrived here since Tuesday. Telegraphic service was cut off and the damage to that section cannot be ascertained. A number of bridges have been washed away and washouts are numerous.

THE REMNANT COUNTER

Four old John L. Sullivan. The only way he can break into the championship is to get himself fined for over-speeding his odometer.

Scores of the over-rich are dying of Capital punishment.

When a woman has good meals for the family it's a sign she has more brains than if she writes poetry.

The unofficial score of the wise remarks of the mayor and aldermen on the waterworks question is 947,105,774. 311 chunks of assorted wisdom. What the public has said on the same subject plus the mayor and alderman's remarks runs of course to a much larger total—but most of it unfit for publication.

If an interior town of British Columbia is really hungry for notoriety just now it should announce that it positively will not hold a Labor Day celebration.

So the Smith's Hill reservoir was merely a little cracked. So long as it isn't the waterworks commissioner why?

Mrs. Justice Mills, who disposed of the Thaw case this morning with neatness and despatch, is entitled to a nice, sun-warmed and special corner in the hall of fame. Pending completion of same he is invited to take a smile at our expense.

The City Council grows thistles on the streets while fixing the citizen for letting them grow on private property. It would be impolite to suggest that the thistles of the council are for aldermanic consumption.

The filling of the Smith's Hill reservoir is now a "meteorological question." This surely should relieve all anxiety.

Looks as though the Lamson street school report was slightly tangled up in civic red tape.

Now comes the news that Prof. Twining, of Los Angeles, has a machine in which he will "flee as a bird in his mountain."

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