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CHINAMEN SAVED FROM GALLOWES.

Sack Chung, Ah Gum and Gum Tie to Be Imprisoned for Life.

NOVEL ARRANGEMENT

Line of the Murderers Was to Plead Guilty to the Crime on Condition That the Others Took Care of His Widow, But the Deal Fell Through - Major Leckle Improving.

Ottawa, Nov. 30-(Special)-The dominion government has decided to make an effort to secure immigrants from northern France, and with this end in view James Hart, deputy minister of the interior, will also endeavor to further stimulate immigration from the British Isles in Canada.

There was a meeting of the cabinet to-day when routine business was transacted. A capital case from British Columbia was under consideration. Ah Choo, the murderer took place at Clinton (B. C.), and he evidence went to show that the body was thrown into the Fraser river.

Sack Chung confessed to the murder under an arrangement that the other two were to take care of his widow.

The evidence was purely circumstantial, and the testimony of the Chinamen could not be relied upon. The body has never been discovered, and under all the circumstances, Salmon has been decided to deprive the prisoners, who are in Kamloops jail, until Dec. 18, after which the death sentence will be commuted to imprisonment for life.

The case of Ernest Cahell, now in jail, was also disposed of by the chief justice. Cahell was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of five years.

The murder was a cold-blooded one. Cahell shot and killed Isaac Rufus Bell, a settler in the Red River district, who befriended him, some time in October last. The body was thrown into the Bow river, and was not discovered until July 13, the relatives identifying the body. Cahell was traced from place to place by mounted police, and finally arrested at Edmonton. The prisoner will be hanged on Dec. 15.

A cable was received from Lord Strathcona today, stating that Major R. G. E. Clarke, who was injured by a tiger in Malindal, is improving.

MINISTER OF MARINE ON HIS WAY TO CHARLOTTETOWN.

Mr. Prefontaine Passes Through Moncton Monday - Will Look Into Winter Communication With P. E. Island.

Moncton, N. B., Nov. 30-(Special)-Mr. Prefontaine, minister of marine, passed through the city on the maritime express this morning to Pictou, where he will be met by the steamer Miramichi and then to Charlottetown.

The minister will look into the question of winter communication between the island and mainland. He was accompanied by Deputy Minister G. R. Gordon.

\$115,000 Boston Fire.

Boston, Nov. 30-It is believed that a spark from a locomotive caused the fire which broke out shortly before midnight in the coal sheds of the freight terminus of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, in South Boston.

DESPERATE SHOOTING AFFRAY IN KENTUCKY.

Under Cover of Darkness a Farmer Shot Two Men Dead by Their Fireside, and Wounded Two Others.

London, Ky., Nov. 30-A special from Hodgenville, Ky., reports the assassination of two men, the fatal wounding of a third man and the injury of another.

STRIKE AVERTED AT SYDNEY WORKS.

Manager of Dominion Steel Company Makes Some Concessions.

P. W. A. NOT RECOGNIZED.

But the Rents of Employes' Houses Are Reduced 50 Per Cent, and the Workmen Will Be Furnished Fuel by the Company at Cost Price.

Sydney, N. S., Nov. 30-(Special)-A special meeting of the town council was convened by Mayor Richardson this morning for the purpose of discussing the present serious situation between the P. W. A. and the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, and seeing what action the council could take towards the urging of a satisfactory settlement between both the interested parties.

A committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Plummer, of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company. He informed the committee that he could not consider the demands of the men, as it was impossible under the present conditions of the steel market to do so. The company also refused to recognize the P. W. A.

At a meeting of the committee and Mr. Plummer tonight, the latter offered to reduce the rent of the employes' houses to the men fifty per cent, and to supply them with coal for fuel at cost from the company's yards. This the men accepted, and the trouble is averted for the present.

PROMINENT BOSTON DIVINE PASSES AWAY.

Rev. John S. Lindsay, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Died Monday.

Boston, Nov. 30-Rev. Dr. John S. Lindsay, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, died at his residence, 282 Marlboro street, at 11.30 o'clock tonight. He was sixty-eight years of age.

Doctor Lindsay was a native of Baltimore, and came to Boston from that city fifteen years ago. His fifteenth anniversary as rector of St. Paul's was celebrated at that church yesterday. About two months ago, Doctor Lindsay returned from a European trip. During his passage from Liverpool to New York he was stricken with an illness which later developed into pneumonia. Because of this illness he was unable to preach the sermon on the tenth anniversary of the Right Rev. William Lawrence, as Bishop of Massachusetts.

It was believed that Doctor Lindsay was regaining his health until the anniversary sermon yesterday morning, when Bishop Lawrence made the sad announcement to the parishioners of St. Paul's that their pastor was on his death bed, and that in all probability he would not live until another Sabbath.

BLAME FIXED FOR "B.G. FOUR" ACCIDENT.

Coroner's Jury Finds Conductor and Engineer Responsible for the Killing of Sixteen People.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 30-The verdict of the coroner's jury on the Big Four Railroad accident in which 16 men were killed, was made public today. It holds Conductor A. W. Hastings and Engineer G. G. Decker, on the work train, "criminally liable for the collision," and recommends that they be held without bail for the grand jury.

SCOTCHMEN OF ST. JOHN MAKE A GRAND SUCCESS OF SAINT ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATION.

Brilliant Function in York Theatre Assembly Rooms, One Feature Unexpected.

Rev. W. W. Kainnie Roundly Scored British War Office in Connection With the Case of General Hector Macdonald, and Set His Hearers Talking - Fine Programme of Music, General Good Time, and a Greatly Enjoyed Dance-Who Were There - Greetings from Brithers Scots.

The day that Scots delight to honor was celebrated in St. John by St. Andrew's society Monday night. York Theatre's rooms and well arranged assembly rooms held a gay and happy throng of patriotic Scotchmen and their ladies, who enjoyed a very fine programme of music and speeches, an excellent supper, happy social intercourse and dancing.

REVENUE MR. RAINNIE'S ADDRESS.

The War Office Strongly Criticized in Connection With Sir Hector Macdonald.

FISCAL CAMPAIGN STILL WAXES WARM IN GREAT BRITAIN.

(Canadian Associated Press.) London, Nov. 30-Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was escorted through Newport streets tonight by cheering crowds, and addressed a great meeting at Tredegar hall. He denied the right of the government to postpone an appeal to the country on the fiscal issue.

Referring to strictures of Mr. Balfour, British exports were increasing fast, the total make of pig iron in Britain last year showed an increase of 400,000 tons. England's hope lay in the tropical countries. England had problems like the submerged tenth of Canada was booming, and shouldn't have all the trade benefits. He didn't think it desirable that Britain be self-contained. Canada's crops might fail and in time of war a neutral flag was safer. Australia and New Zealand were in strong winged stream and moor, of hazel, birch and ash, of bonnie strath and glen, the land of lofty fells and rolling, snowy clouds, the blue haze and mist enshrouded mountain tops, of cataraacts that fall with deep and sudden roar down craggy sides, where eagles and hawks were in strong winged pride; the land where romantic and legendary tales of daring deeds were done along every hill and dale. It is the land of warriors, of bold and fearless, honorable, where the blue bell grows and the tall and stately thistle, as it nods in the breeze, whispers "Treat me fairly or be weary of me."

It is Scotland, the land of our fathers, and ever we're to her. It is the land famed for its beauty since the day Adam delved and Eve made costumes of fig leaves, in the Garden of Eden yonder at Edinburgh in Lanarkshire, where their orchards can still be seen watered by their four rivers; and the black and barren moor stretching from Bathgate to Dumfries over which the angel led them when, yielding to Sassenach guile, they lost home and freedom for ever, and at Sandbank near Dumoon, on the edge of the Holy Loch, they rested between four great granite stones. Truly our country is a great and ancient one.

And the folks who come from that glorious land are worthy of their home. They're a country race of folk as well we ken, hardy, brave and valiant for the right. In friendship they are ever leal. The lassies are as guid as they are bonnie, and their milners perfect women, nobly planned. Nowhere do you find such rare folk as those who come frae aye frae Scotland.

Hardy Fere and Hardy People. Reared on oatmeal, pease brose and even sowans, they possess a hardiness and courage which has resulted in a grit and faith that forces them to the front. Devotion to duty, homespun and, common though it be, is outlined in the shorter catechism, and inculcated by a pair of tawse or auld slipper well applied, has ever characterized the Scot, and made him the important factor in the world's history that he is.

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ALLAN LINER SAILS WITH BIG CARGO FROM HALIFAX.

The Pretorian Took 40,000 Bushels Grain and 350 Cattle, Amongst Other Things.

John Walker, Chief Steward of Furness Liner St. John City, who fractured his skull Saturday Night Monday Night.

Halifax, Nov. 30-(Special)-The mail steamer Pretorian sailed from here for Liverpool shortly after midnight. She had a large cargo, but not a full one. It included about 40,000 bushels grain, 800 standards of dead, 350 head of cattle, canned goods, apples, etc. She had also, passenger 15 women, 18 second cabin and 130 steerage.

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PREMIER ROSS SCORES YANKEES.

He Tells Toronto Audience That Canada Doesn't Want Reciprocity.

AMERICANS NOT FAIR.

Dominion's Experience With Them in the Past Has Proved That Chamberlain's Scheme Would Help This Country in Various Ways.

Toronto, Nov. 30-(Special)-Premier Ross, of Ontario, was the guest of the Canadian Club at a luncheon today and delivered an important speech in favor of Chamberlain's preferential trade policy and in opposition to any form of reciprocity with the United States.

First analyzing the benefits of Chamberlain's policy to Canada, Mr. Ross said a preference would stimulate emigration to Canada; increased population would increase the home market for manufacturing facilities and thus reduce freight rates. It would build up our cities and towns and broaden our industries in every district where raw material is obtainable.

By increasing the direct trade with Britain our merchant marine would be increased and our seaports grow in importance. The proposed preference of five per cent on meats and dairy products would offer us an unlimited market.

Mr. Ross then commended Chamberlain's policy as tending to increase trade within the empire and to maintain the empire's supremacy. His policy added a commercial tie to a sentimental tie already binding the empire.

Continuing, Mr. Ross said in part: "I also favor Chamberlain's policy because I believe it will prevent entangling alliances with the United States. Our experience so far with the American republic has not been very satisfactory. Whether in construction or treaties or delimitation of boundaries."

Chamberlain declared himself in favor of preference to the Colonies. Americans have begun to show a considerable anxiety for renewing reciprocal trade relations with us. In my judgment the commerce of Canada should never be at the mercy of the United States Congress, or any other competing nation.

The premier then discussed Canada's efforts to solve the transportation problem. "We have," he said, "almost two and will probably have three systems of transcontinental railways, costing perhaps over \$200,000,000. We have enlarged the cable at a cost of \$60,000,000 and have installed our resources freely on improvements of the routes of Montreal, Quebec, St. John and Halifax."

A reciprocity treaty with the United States would disorganize all this expenditure in favor of preference to the Colonies. More than that, the British market is the only market for our surplus products, they require all we produce, whereas the products of the United States are mostly similar to our own.

"Commercially I cannot bring myself to look with favor upon a reciprocity treaty under the existing circumstances with a people who have specifically treated a tariff to our injury."

Concluding, Mr. Ross said without a preference in the British market he would prefer to take his chances there than under a treaty with the United States, the result of which might neutralize all its advantages. The speech was enthusiastically received by nearly 400 members present.

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