



EMPEROR'S YACHT LAUNCHED TO-DAY

MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT CHRISTENED THE BOAT

Prince Henry and President of the United States Present When the Meteor Took the Water.

New York, Feb. 25.—The special train bearing President Roosevelt from Washington to the launching reached Jersey City at 6:40 a.m. The President remained on board until the arrival of the Emperor's train a few moments after 8 o'clock.

A cylinder blew out on the engine of the Emperor's train but that train was more than an hour late in reaching Jersey City. The accident occurred shortly after leaving Baltimore. The stalled train was pushed into Magnolia, Md., by a passenger train and there got a new engine.

Soon after three o'clock the President and the Prince and their suites embarked on a boat for Shooter's island, where the launching takes place.

The Meteor Launched.

New York, Feb. 25.—In a drizzling rain, and in the presence of a brilliant assemblage, amidst cheering and the roar of cannon, the German Emperor's schooner yacht Meteor was launched from Shooter's island to-day.

The bodies of the men found in No. 2 mine, Extension, are those of David Griffin and Geo. Southcomb. From the place they were found it is evident that they reached a point 90 feet from where they were at the time of the fire which would have saved them.

LEFT MONASTERY.

Brother Eugene Renounces Vows—He Wants to See the World.

Dubuque, Ia., Feb. 25.—An event unprecedented in the history of the Trappist monastery in this country is made public. Brother Eugene, for 23 years an inmate, has deliberately renounced his vows, which he took nearly a quarter of a century ago.

TEACHER MURDERED.

Murderer After Twice Shooting Himself Jumped Into Well.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 25.—Fletcher Barnett, a school teacher, to-day entered a school house one mile from Canaan, and without warning shot and instantly killed Miss Eva Wiseman, the teacher in charge. He then shot at Bert Hopewell, a pupil, who attempted to interfere, but missed him. Barnett then shot himself, but apparently without serious injury. He jumped out of the building and then shot himself again, but still not fatally. He then jumped into a well and was drowned. Barnett had been a suitor for the girl's hand. All were highly consoled.

ON PLEASURE BENE.

Steamer Celtic Reaches Greece With Party of Tourists Aboard.

Athens, Feb. 25.—The White Star steamer Celtic, having on board a party of American tourists, arrived at Piræus to-day. The passengers are well. The steamer is due at Constantinople on February 28th; Smyrna, March 2nd; Califa and Jaffa, March 5th; Alexandria, March 11th, and Naples, March 26th.

PROBABLY LOST.

Sailing Vessel With Eighty Persons Aboard Is Long Overdue.

Calais, France, Feb. 25.—The maritime authorities have posted as lost the sailing vessel Jules Dean Baptiste, bound for St. Martin's, France, which has been long overdue. There were eighty persons on the vessel, including sixty passengers, mostly working people.

THIRTEEN INDICTMENTS.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Thirteen indictments, charging grand larceny, have been reported by the grand jury against Philip Gerst, formerly city treasurer, who was removed from office by Mayor Diehl for misappropriating public funds. When arraigned Gerst pleaded not guilty, and was released on \$10,000 bail. The amount Gerst is charged with misappropriating is \$38,061.

NEW MINISTER WAS SWORN IN TO-DAY

SENATOR TEMPLEMAN ENTERS THE CABINET

Opposition Caucus Arranges Work for Session—Number of Delegations at the Capital.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Hon. William Templeman, Senator for British Columbia, was sworn in to-day a member of the cabinet, without portfolio for the present, to represent British Columbia. Lord Minto administered the oath in his office in the eastern block. The newly made minister was receiving congratulations in parliament and numerous friends here.

Opposition Caucus.

There was a caucus of the opposition today when E. Gus Porter, M. P., Hastings, presided. The principal business done was to cut out work for the session. A sub-committee was struck to deal with certain matters which it is intended to bring up in parliament.

Delegations.

There is a batch of delegations here. The boot and shoe manufacturers and leather men and retail dealers are asking for an increase of ten per cent. The boot root sugar industry are asking countervailing duties against all countries that impose a bounty on sugar. They also want the time extended for admitting free machinery used in the manufacture of beet root sugar, and in addition to this they asked an adjustment of existing duties in sugar. Woolmen are also here awaiting more protection.

Supreme Court Vacancy.

Mr. S. Perry Mills's name is also mentioned in connection with the vacant position on the bench.

Favor Gordon Hunter.

All the Liberal members of British Columbia had an interview with Hon. Clifford Sifton to-day regarding the appointment of a Chief Justice for the province. They were unanimous in recommending that Gordon Hunter be given the position. At first Mr. Hunter was only spoken of here as a possible judge; now he stands a good chance of being Chief Justice.

CLERGYMAN ROBBED.

Accepted Assistance From Driver of Cart and Has His Purse Stolen.

Rome, Feb. 25.—Rev. Horace Dutton, of Boston, was robbed of seven hundred lire yesterday. He was bicycling in the country when his machine broke down, and he accepted the offer of two men, who were driving in a cart, to take him to Rome. On his arrival here Mr. Dutton started to remunerate the drivers, when he found his purse had disappeared. He accused the drivers, who thereupon whipped up their horses and drove rapidly away. Mr. Dutton hung on the rear of the cart until exhausted, and then dropped on the road considerably bruised but otherwise unhurt.

BLONDIN ARRESTED.

Is Charged With Murdering His Wife Last June.

New York, Feb. 25.—Joseph Wilfred Blondin, who was accused of the murder of his wife near Boston, Mass., last June by cutting off her head, was arrested at police headquarters here to-day. He had gone to headquarters to take an examination for an engineer's license. He was identified by a representative of the Boston police.

SICK MARINES.

United States Navy Hospital Ship Arrives From Asiatic Station.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—The United States navy hospital ship Solace arrived in port yesterday with 40 sick marines from the Asiatic station. She also brought 200 discharged soldiers and four prisoners.

CHARGED BY CAVALRY.

Troops Called Out to Disperse Workmen at Bucharest.

Bucharest, Roumania, Feb. 26.—A force of cavalry had to be finally called out to disperse the workmen who attempted to invade the Chamber of Deputies here yesterday while making a demonstration in favor of a modification of the bill dealing with trades unions. In the charges many persons were injured. About 200 arrests were made.

AT SALONIKA.

LIVELY MEETING OF PROHIBITIONISTS

DEPUTATION WILL INTERVIEW PREMIER

Manitoba Referendum Discussed in the Legislature—In Favor of Sunday Cars.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—A series of lively scenes were witnessed at the opening of the prohibition convention in the Pavilion to-day, and the proceedings indicated many differences of opinion on the course to be adopted with regard to the proposed referendum. Rev. W. A. Mackay, referring to the Referendum Bill, said the conditions surrounding the proposed vote were unjust and unsatisfactory, and temperance workers should have no hesitation in saying so. When Dr. Mackay took his seat at least a score of delegates arose with resolutions which they wished to read. There was considerable tumult, and finally Rev. Dr. Courtice was recognized by the chairman, and read a series of proposed amendments to the bill. Rev. Dr. Courtice favored regulations requiring that 50 per cent of the electorate be polled, and that 55 per cent of this vote should be necessary to carry the measure. The delegates protested loudly, and at one time two delegates were reading resolutions from the platform, while another read his resolution at the top of his voice from the rear of the hall. Dr. Mackay appealed repeatedly for order, and finally declared that he would allow no more resolutions to be read, and the entire meeting was thrown open. After listening to a discussion for two hours, J. McQueen, of Drayton, expressed the firm conviction that there were five hundred opinions in the meeting. Rev. Dr. T. Scott, of London, said any referendum they would get from the Ross government would make the temperance men do all the work. Mr. J. A. Rankin said that much as he hated the liquor traffic, he did not want prohibition unless it was a measure that could be enforced with some degree of certainty. The strongest evidence that the people of the province did not want prohibition was to be found in the hall in that they were afraid of the contest. Various amendments were also voted down, and the report of the executive committee was finally carried almost unanimously by the numerous deputations appointed to wait on the Premier to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

The Referendum.

Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—The bill providing for a referendum, March 27th, on the Manitoba Liquor Act, was discussed at length in the legislature to-night. Mr. Grosvenor, leader of the opposition, spoke for an hour, taking exception to the referendum in this particular case, as the act had been passed by the government, and they should stand by it, without further reference to the people. Premier Roblin replied, defending the course of the government in ordering a referendum, and was followed by Mr. Myers and other speakers.

To Secure Votes.

J. K. McLeenan issued a public manifesto to the temperance people to-day announcing the organization of the Prohibition Campaign League to oppose the Dominion Alliance action in ignoring the constitution, and to secure a large temperance vote on referendum day.

Ask For Disallowance.

A petition asking for the disallowance of the Liquor Act Referendum Bill was to-day presented to Lieutenant-Governor McMillan by the Manitoba Dominion Alliance, and a similar document was mailed to the Governor-General at Ottawa. The petitioners urge a veto on the ground that such a reference would be subversive of the principles of representative and responsible government, inasmuch as it would be contrary to the usage and precedent of the province, and that it would be a violation of the spirit of the constitution, and, moreover, injurious to the dignity and prerogative of the Crown, if not also ultra vires of the British North America Act.

Sunday Cars.

The Winnipeg city council passed a resolution by a vote of 11 to 3 asking the legislature to give the city power to pass a by-law allowing cars to run on Sunday.

Sudden Death.

W. R. Seger, a passenger conductor, died suddenly at North Portal yesterday after completing his run.

Watchman Killed.

Hull, N. S., Feb. 25.—A terrible explosion of 200 pounds of dynamite occurred this morning at the James Tunnel mine, Waverley, killing American Mine watchman, who was thrown 200 feet away. Houses were wrecked in the vicinity, and the mine building blown to atoms.

Aged 108 Years.

Brookville, Ont., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Alken Dorey is dead at West Post, aged 103 years. Seeks Succession Duties.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—The Attorney-Gen-

SEVERE FIGHTING IN SOUTH AFRICA

BOERS ARE ACTIVE IN TRANSVAAL COLONY

Lost Fifteen Killed in Rushing Outpost Line—British Convoy of Empty Wagons Captured.

London, Feb. 26.—Lord Kitchener reports that 600 Boers, driving cattle, rushed the outpost line near Botsburg, Transvaal Colony, during the night of February 23rd, and that some of them got through. The Boers left 15 dead and 6 wounded on the field.

Convoy Captured.

London, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener made public to-day: "A convoy of empty wagons was attacked and captured by the Boers south of west of Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony, on February 24th.

"The escort consisted of a force of the Imperial Yeomanry, three companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers and two guns.

"The fighting was severe, but have no further details.

FIGHT FOR INSURANCE.

Decision in Favor of Mrs. Sternaman Who Was Charged With Murdering Her Husband.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Through a decision of the Court of Appeals Mrs. Olive A. Sternaman will receive from the Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company, of New York, the amount of the policy carried by George H. Sternaman, her husband, who she was accused of murdering.

As will be recalled, Mrs. Sternaman was arrested in this city about four years ago following the death and burial of her husband in Canada. It was claimed that she had poisoned him. She stood trial, was convicted, and was awaiting execution in the Cayuga jail, when an order came granting her a new trial. On the second trial she was acquitted. The Metropolitan officials refused to pay the amount of the policy carried by the alleged murdered man, and the widow brought suit. The lower courts decided against her, and the case was carried to the Court of Appeals, with the result that a decision was handed down reversing all the decisions of the lower courts.

RETURNED UNOPOSED.

Joseph Devlin Will Represent North Kilkenny in the Imperial Commons.

Dublin, Feb. 25.—Joseph Devlin, the official leader of the Belfast Nationalists, who is at present in the United States, has been elected to represent North Kilkenny in the House of Commons without opposition, to succeed Patrick McDermott, who resigned his seat in his appointment as steward and bailiff of the Manor of North Stead, Co. Wick.

BARCELONA RIOTS.

Barcelona, Feb. 24.—The Alcalde, in a statement made public to-day, fixes the number of persons killed during the rioting since February 17th, at fifty-six. The number of wounded cannot be estimated.

The ironmasters have compromised with their employees on the basis of nine and one-half hours' work per day. There are fifty-seven undischarged vessels in the harbor.

COUNT TOLSTOI.

Yalta, Crimea, Feb. 26.—All immediate danger of the death of Count Tolstoy is past.

GORDON HUNTER TO BE CHIEF JUSTICE

HIS SELECTION HAS BEEN DECIDED ON

Cost of Permanent Corps in Canada The Cabinet Changes—Statement by the Premier.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Gordon Hunter, of Victoria, will be Chief Justice of British Columbia. His appointment has not yet been made, but it will be within the next few days. It has been decided upon.

Proceedings in the House.

Mr. Gallinger introduced a bill in the House to-day, entitled an act respecting the United Gold Fields of British Columbia, and asking for power to construct a line of railway about eight miles long from Frank, on the Crow's Nest Pass railway, in the Northwest Territory to Grass Mountain. The bill was read a first time.

In answer to Col. Hughes, Dr. Borden said that the cost of the permanent corps in Canada was \$300,000 per year. Repeating to Mr. Puttee, Hon. Jas. Sutherland said that 113 railway employees were killed during the year ending June 30th, and 970 were injured.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained the recent changes in the cabinet, stating at the same time that in order to recognize the growing importance of the West, Hon. W. Templeman was sworn in a minister of the cabinet without a portfolio. Mr. Borden, leader of the opposition, approved of the changes, as well as the elevation of Sir Louis Davies, and Hon. D. Mills to the bench.

At the Privy Council.

Hon. W. Templeman took his seat at the privy council meeting for the first time to-day.

Contract With Marconi.

Hon. W. S. Fielding laid on the table to-day the contract the government has with Marconi. The amount which the government promises to contribute is \$80,000 for assistance. What they receive has already been made public.

HUGO CENTENARY.

Series of Festivities Began in Paris To-day.

Paris, Feb. 26.—The series of festivities to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Victor Hugo, which will last till Sunday, opened to-day, with a grand ceremony in the Pantheon, under the auspices of the government. President Loubet, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the Premier, and other members of the cabinet, the members of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, representative delegations from the institute and other state bodies, including the leading lights of art, science and literature in France, and deputations from the various lycées and educational institutions were present.

KING'S HORSE WON.

His Majesty Saw One of His Racers Finish First in Steeplechase To-day.

London, Feb. 26.—For the first time since his accession King Edward appeared on a race-course. He went to the Kempton Park steeplechase to see his Grand National candidate, Ambush II, run in the grand steeplechase. This was the first appearance of the King's horse on a race-course since the death of Queen Victoria. Consequently the sporting world hailed the day as notable in turf annals. As anticipated Ambush II won the race, and his victory was followed by a scene of wild enthusiasm. The distance was two and a half miles.

SAYS HE KILLED RICE.

Statement Made By Jones at New York To-day.

New York, Feb. 26.—The cross-examination of Charles F. Jones was continued to-day in the trial of Albert T. Patrick. Jones, in his direct examination, said he killed Rice by the use of chloroform and that he did so by Patrick's orders. Yesterday Jones, in answer to Attorney Moore, who conducted the cross-examination, said he had made four different statements of the circumstances attending the death of Rice.

DOUBLE EXECUTION.

Ashville, N. C., Feb. 26.—Dudley Johnson, white, and Ben. Foster, colored, were hanged here to-day for burglary, which was a capital crime in this state. The crime was committed in the combined post office and store kept by Sam Alexander at a little hamlet near Ashville, on the night of February 15th, 1901.

STRIKE SETTLED.

Havana, Feb. 26.—Col. Solt has satisfactorily settled the 'longshoremen's strike at Cienfuegos, by having all the parties agree to pay the same scale of price as is now in force in Havana.

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