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LONDON MARKET IS FLURRIED
BANK RATE RAISED TO SIX PER CENT

Drain of Gold to America Responsible for Nervousness in Old Country Finance.

London, Nov. 4.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was raised to-day from 5 1/2 to 6 per cent. The persistent demands from America for gold, in spite of the recently increased rate of the Bank of England, caused the bank this morning to raise its rate from 5 1/2 to 6 per cent. The announcement of the rise to-day occasioned somewhat of a flurry locally. It is considered, however, in financial circles to be the natural outcome of the unfavorable New York bank statement. When the Bank of England's rate was raised to 5 1/2 per cent. on October 21st, it was thought that the position in the United States was clearing in a satisfactory manner, but the continued engagements of gold at a loss of 1 to 2 per cent. on the exchange rates caused a heap of nervousness in the discount market, and rates were put up 5/8 to 6 per cent. in endeavors to assist the bank and protect its service. But the futility of the exports is shown by the fact that since Thursday the United States has drawn from the bank substantial sums, already aggregating \$5,000,000.

Six Per Cent. Insufficient. Egypt has also recommended withdrawal of gold, and it is believed that the six per cent rate will suffice, and that no further advance will be necessary, particularly if the Bank of France renders its promised aid. All depends, however, on the absence of demands of alarming proportions from America.

Depression on Change. The rise in the Bank of England's rate of discount, coupled with the unsatisfactory position in New York as revealed by the New York bank statement, caused a depression all round on the stock exchange to-day. Consols dropped 3/4, and Americans were offered in many cases at a point below parity without finding buyers. The position here, however, is regarded as being sound, and the declines registered to-day were more in the nature of a sentimental marking down of quotations, than actual sellings.

Hamburg Firm Suspend. Hamburg, Nov. 4.—The banking and brokerage firm of F. Lappenburg suspended payments to-day owing to losses sustained through customers. The firm, which had an export and import business, enjoyed a high-standing in financial circles.

C. P. R. Breaks Badly. New York, (Wall Street), Nov. 4.—The opening prices of stock broke badly. Canadian Pacific being an extreme 3/4; Union Pacific 3/4 on a range of simultaneous quotations 1 1/2 points apart and the Hill stocks, Southern Pacific, Reading, Anaconda, and American Smelting 2 to 2 1/4.

Most of the prominent railroad and industrial stocks were down between 1 and 2 points. The market steadied almost immediately and became quiet.

Buys Up All Gold. London, Nov. 4.—America purchased to-day the whole of the gold in the open market, totalling about \$400,000.

FOUGHT WITH BUTTER KNIFE. Thief Arrested in Toronto Store Makes His Escape.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 4.—A thief who had been caught in the act of stealing an umbrella and butter in a store on Queen street on Saturday night, flourished a large butter knife, and fought his way out before the police arrived. The man was handed over to the constables of the store by a customer who caught him slipping an umbrella under his coat. While he was going for the policeman the thief cut up a knife and succeeded in getting away, but not before he had badly frightened four passers by who held him, and a number of customers who were there at the time.

SATISFIED WITH TRIP.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 4.—R. L. Borden, M. P., is gratified with his western trip. Regarding Asiatic immigration the Conservative leader said conditions in British Columbia are such as to make his question one of the very greatest importance to the people of Canada generally. It is a subject which will doubt be discussed during session of Parliament. He says he found a confident aggressive spirit in the Conservative party throughout the western provinces.

ATTRACTING CONGREGATIONS.

Toronto Churches Open Later for Evening Services.

Toronto, Nov. 4.—The first Sunday evening service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, King street, under the new arrangement by which the service begins at 7:30 instead of 7 o'clock was marked with success, the attendance being much larger than usual. The idea in changing the hour is to secure the presence of many people in the hotels and boarding houses, whose duties prevent them getting out at 7 o'clock.

St. George's Anglican church also introduced the innovation yesterday in order to attract arrivals from the country and single men who live around in boarding houses.

7 o'clock tea was given in the parlors of the church, at which light refreshments were given. Addresses and music were given also. Nearly a hundred young men attended, and most of them stayed for evening service.

HER MAIDEN TRIP.

Conarder Mauretania Will Sail for New York on November 18th.

New York, Nov. 4.—The new Cunard liner Mauretania, sister ship of the Lusitania, will sail on her maiden trip to New York on November 18th. The Mauretania exceeds the Lusitania in length by a few inches. Her builders believe that she will be able to exceed the speed made by the Lusitania, and expect her eventually to win all the records for trans-Atlantic voyages.

SWEEPING DEFEAT OF SOCIALISM

Municipal Elections in England and Wales Show Enormous Conservative Gains

London, Nov. 4.—The complete results from the municipal elections held in England and Wales last week augmented the already enormous Conservative gains, and emphasized the defeat of the Socialists.

Returns from 145 boroughs show the following gains: Conservatives, 135; Liberals, 21; Laborites, 22; Socialists, 4; and Independents, 4.

TRACKED BY A CAP.

Italian Arrested for Murder of White Man at Ploughkeepsie.

Ploughkeepsie, Nov. 4.—Viccas So Harcarci, an eighteen-year-old Italian, was arrested early to-day, charged with the murder of Ross King, last night. Harcarci, who has been employed with a gang of railroad laborers, was traced by a cap which was found near the scene of the murder and was found asleep in a cabin with a number of other Italians. The police say he has made a confession.

FIFTH WHITE MAN TO ENTER COUNTRY

Ernest Thompson Seton Returns from Barren Tracts West of Great Slave Lake.

Edmonton, Alb., Nov. 4.—Ernest Thompson Seton, who returned last night from the Far North, told his experience of the barren lands west of the Great Slave Lake, where there is no human habitation for thousands of miles. He is the fifth white man to enter that country since 1771.

He made an extensive trip to inspect the animals and plants white in the North. He is accompanied by Edward Preble, of the United States department of agriculture. They will reach Winnipeg on Wednesday.

TATOOSH MYSTERY.

(From Monday's Daily.) Many guesses are being made by shipping men on the sound at the identity of a four-masted vessel which was reported twice last week passing Tatoosh inward bound. There is a strong conviction in some circles that the ship was the Arthur Sewall, the long ham, which was bound from Philadelphia to the Sound with a cargo of coal. Recently the Sewall was reported to have been lost off Terra del Fuogo and her crew devoured by cannibals, but this story is not generally believed. It is quite possible that the vessel reported from Tatoosh is the Sewall, and that she was blown out to sea on each occasion before a tug picked her up.

The most feasible explanation of the vessel's identity, however, is that she is the Erskine M. Phelps, Capt. Grant's schooner from Philadelphia, and 135 days out. The curious part of the matter is that the vessel was twice seen passing in, but was not seen going out of the straits.

WATERWORKS FOR VONDA.

Vonda, Sask., Nov. 4.—The \$15,000 waterworks by-law carried on Saturday.

CRIMEAN VETERAN DIES IN ONTARIO

WAS ONE OF FIRST TO ENTER SEBASTAPOL

Daniel Bidderon Worked in Canada as an Engineer Thirty Three Years Ago.

Fort Francis, Ont., Nov. 4.—After a lingering illness there passed away yesterday morning one of the oldest pioneers of this district in the person of Daniel Bidderon. Mr. Bidderon, who was engaged on the construction of the old canal at this place, was born in Birmingham, England, 77 years ago. At the age of 20 he enlisted in the British army and served all through the Crimean war. At the siege of Sebastapol he won distinction by being one of the first to enter the hitherto impregnable fortress. After the war he moved to Orillia, Ont., and when the Mackenzie government undertook the construction of a canal at Fort Francis, in 1874, he was engaged as an engineer, and as such assisted while it was being built.

When the work closed down, owing to a change of government, he was so well pleased with the place that he took up a homestead just outside the then village, where he has resided ever since. He was a member of the Baptist church, a liberal, large hearted and hospitable. He leaves behind a wife, four married daughters, and two sons.

MOTHER AND SON WERE ASPHYXIATED

Tragedy of New York Tenement in Which all the Inhabitants Succumbed.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 4.—Abraham Cohen, 25 years old, and his mother, Mrs. Basala Cohen, 60 years old, moved into three rooms in the rear of No. 75 Columbia street on October 10th last, and after October 14th neither of them were seen by other tenants in the building.

Several tenants who had seen a pet dog and a cat in the Cohen rooms missed them, and they had detected the odor of gas in a hallway near the Cohen abode. They called in the police last night. The flat was opened. Abraham Cohen was dead on the floor, his mother was dead in her bed. In her arms was the dog. The cat, too, was dead. Gas was escaping from a jet in the kitchen.

The police last night were unable to learn anything about Mrs. Cohen or her son.

OREGON BANKS STILL CLOSED. Legal Holiday Will Be Proclaimed Until Money Stringency Is Alleviated.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 4.—Governor Chamberlain has issued a proclamation designating to-day as a legal holiday in Oregon, and announcing that he will declare each succeeding day a holiday until after the present money stringency has ended.

VICTIM OF STREET CAR. Vehicle Runs Away in San Francisco—Ten Are Injured.

San Francisco, Nov. 4.—Another street car ran away this morning. One man is dead and ten others are hurt.

SWISS ARMY TO BE REFORMED

Law Provides for Increased Term of Service—Involves Expenditure of \$600,000 a Year

Berne, Nov. 4.—The question of army reform was submitted yesterday to A. P. Lebesch, of the Swiss people, and by a vote of 300,000 to 25,000, a law providing for improvement in the army was adopted. This was carried on in spite of the opposition of the Socialists and the Passivists.

HOLDS OFFICE IN MANITOBA

HON. S. W. MCINNES ON HIS DEATH BED

Minister of Education in Prairie Province Retains Great Vitality Towards the End.

Winnipeg, Nov. 4.—Hon. S. W. McInnes, minister of education in the Manitoba government, is dying in Brandon this morning.

A operation for appendicitis was performed on Saturday evening. While performing this operation the doctors became aware that there was no hope for the patient. The operation was performed and covered up to meet to meet a real science done to save the life of the sufferer.

Since regaining consciousness after the operation Mr. McInnes has been very bright and fully conscious of all that was going on around him.

It was learned that his lower limbs were completely paralyzed, and that no nourishment whatever could be retained in his stomach. The doctors last night had given up every hope of the patient's recovery, and stated that death was only a matter of a few hours. As an instance of his great vitality and brightness, it may be stated last night he sent for his partner, P. J. Clark, and a stenographer, and dictated a few letters, and then wound up his private business by putting everything in proper shape. He sent for his lawyer, G. B. Coleman, and added a codicil to his will.

His colleagues in the Manitoba government, Messrs. R. B. Roblin, Robert Rogers and Charles Campbell, arrived in the city in the afternoon from Winnipeg.

Dr. McInnes was told of their arrival at night, and he expressed a wish to see the premier. Mr. Roblin was quickly at the hospital, and was surprised to find the sufferer so bright. After the premier entered the room the patient asked for the five other to leave the room, as he wished to talk to Mr. Roblin a short time. He then told the premier that the doctors had told him that he could not possibly live beyond a few hours. He told Mr. Roblin that he had commenced several changes in the provincial secretaryship, and the department which he was to head, which he was the head, and which he believed to be in the best interests of the province, and as a last wish he asked Premier Roblin to see that these were carried out. To this the premier assured him "the changes should be made, as he desired."

The illness of Dr. McInnes has cast a heavy gloom over the city, and both political friends and opponents share in the sorrow that is widespread.

STEAMER SINKS IN BOSTON HARBOR

City of Birmingham Strikes Ledge and Backing Into Deep Water Becomes Wreck

Boston, Nov. 4.—The steamer City of Birmingham of the Ocean Steamship Company, struck a ledge in the harbor early to-day while bound out to Savannah and sank in ten fathoms of water about two miles below her dock. The steamer, having made a special trip north with a cargo of cotton, started about 1:30 a. m. for the south. At a slight bend where the channel enters, which is known as the middle ground, the Birmingham hit an obstruction. She backed off into deep water but before the full character of her damage was known, her engine room was flooded and fifteen minutes after striking, she sank. Her crew had no difficulty in getting off in the steamer's boats and rowing the two miles to the dock.

The steamer probably can be saved.

NEW DOCTORS.

Results of the Medical Council's Examination Made Known. The medical examinations held at the parliament buildings last week resulted in twenty-two candidates being admitted to practice in the Province of British Columbia, out of thirty-three.

SHORTAGE IN CITY'S BOOKS

ST. JOHN CHAMBERLAIN IS SUSPENDED

Snap Audit Reveals That \$12,000 Is Missing—Mayor Receives Pay in Advance.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 4.—A snap audit of the accounts of Frederick Sandall, the city chamberlain and receiver of taxes, when taken at the order of Alderman Bullock, chairman of the treasury board, has revealed apparent shortages of \$12,000, and as a result of the inquiry Sandall has been temporarily suspended, and R. A. McIntyre, of Halifax, has been engaged to go over the books.

The shortage between \$2,000 and \$4,000 is made up in salary advance by the chamberlain to himself, to the mayor, aldermen and other city officials. The advance to Sandall himself is about \$1,000, and he says the city is still in debt to him.

The missing amount of \$8,000 was, it is said, paid over to the Hon. C. N. Skinner, city treasurer, as an offer to property holders on Union street as a settlement for damages sustained from a cave-in. No settlement was reached, but the books do not show that the amount has been returned to the city treasury.

Sandall says there is an error in the book-keeping in regard to the \$8,000, and declares that the audit will make this clear. Sandall is bonded to the amount of \$20,000.

EVELYN WILL NOT BE A WITNESS

Harry Thaw Unwilling to Hide Himself Behind Skirts of His Wife

New York, Nov. 2.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will not be a witness when Harry K. Thaw is placed on trial for the second time, four weeks from to-day, for killing Stanford White.

The New York Globe, which is authority for the statement, says lawyers agree that the Thaw defence would have been stronger without her before and that Thaw in particular does not want to lay himself open to attack again by "hiding behind the skirts of his wife."

Another reason for the change of plan, the Globe adds, "has to do with the little trip abroad taken by Assistant District Attorney Garvan last summer," during which the tourist caused some uneasiness among Thaw's counsel by visiting the same places where the Thaws spent much time both before and after their marriage.

VANISHES FROM LONDON.

Man Who Eloped With Helen Maloney Disappears Again.

London, Nov. 4.—Samuel Clarkson, the young Briton reported to have eloped from New York with Helen Maloney, daughter of Martin Maloney, the millionaire, has disappeared from London again, and is said to be on his way back to Paris.

TO CREMATE HER LIVE HUSBAND.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Mrs. Matilda Anderson has been arrested on the charge of attempting to cremate her husband, John. He declares she threw oil on the bed and set it on fire. He will probably die.

LOOTS FIVE HOTELS.

Highwayman Armed With Knife Creates Consternation in City.

Prescott, Ariz., Nov. 4.—A lone highwayman, armed with a knife, on Saturday entered five hotels in this city, fatally wounding one of the guests who offered resistance, and made his escape after robbing a score of people encountered during his single-headed raids.

The man first made his appearance in the Schuerman hotel, where he was discovered by Robert Lutzky. Ten minutes later the robber entered the Brinkmeyer hotel, where he secured considerable booty. In rapid succession he paid visits to the Head, Cliff and Globe hotels, in each instance terrorizing and robbing the inmates he encountered. He then made his escape.

EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY.

Japan Celebrates With a Grand Review of Troops.

Tokio, Nov. 3.—To-day being the Emperor's birthday, a national holiday is being universally celebrated. During the day the usual grand review of troops was held by Field Marshal Oyama, at which the Emperor was present. The entire American embassy also attended. Many American visitors were invited to witness the review. Foreign Minister Hayashi has sent an unusual number of invitations to Americans to attend the Imperial ball to-night.

HEAD-ON COLLISION IN ONTARIO

Mail Clerk, Engineer and Several Train Hands Injured in Smash-up at Falkenburg

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 4.—In a head-on collision between an express from North Bay and a freight train at Falkenburg, Ont. station, a few miles north of Bracebridge early on Sunday morning, Thos. Mason, a mail clerk of Toronto; W. Farnum, engineer and several other train hands were injured.

No passengers were injured. Two engines and a mail car were smashed. The track was blocked several hours.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Roof Falls on Postmaster of Cordova, Manitoba.

Minnedosa, Man., Nov. 4.—Reuben Rea, postmaster at Cordova, Man., was killed on Saturday evening, a portion of the roof of an old stable falling on and crushing his head. The deceased was an old resident of Odanah municipality and leaves a widow, a son and a daughter to mourn his untimely end.

FORT WILLIAM CHURCH IS GUTTED

New Catholic Building Subscribed for by Poor People Is Totally Destroyed.

Fort William, Ont., Nov. 4.—Fire started on Sunday night in the new Catholic church at the corner of McIntosh and Connelly streets, in the coal dock section, and was totally destroyed, nothing but a small portion of the walls remaining standing. The insurance falls far short of the actual loss. The total cost was \$15,000, which was subscribed by the poor people of the coal dock neighborhood, who for the most part have been saving with this object in view for years out of the small wages which they receive. They are mostly Slavs.

STARVATION PAY ON RAILROADS

ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO BREAK A STRIKE

Thousands Ready to Support Trade Unionists Should Latter Go Out in Great Britain

London, Nov. 4.—In the course of his remarks at the meeting of railway men last night, Mr. Bell, secretary of the Railway Servants' Society, made the interesting statement that there are over 100,000 men employed on the railroads of the United Kingdom who are paid less than \$5 a week.

In the event of a strike the public is keen to know what the railway companies will do to augment their staffs, and to prevent any undue picketing of those members who decide not to fall in with the railwaymen's protest.

Mr. Collison, the general secretary of the National Free Labor Association, in an interview, said that his officials had been working since May, when the trouble threatened, to get as many substitutes as possible for the companies.

"We have had instructions from several large companies to supply men in the case of a strike," he said, "and we have made arrangements with them to supply as many as they want to protect their lines."

"Over 7,000 letters have reached me containing offers to do this work, and the post contains so many that we cannot deal with them all. The special duty of these men, ex-politicians, ex-sailors, ex-army men, and others, will be to protect workers and to wash streets. In addition to the body of men, the companies will take from us thousands of ex-railway workers who are on our lists. The Railway Servants' Society knows this, and so does Mr. Bell, and they will be afraid to strike."

"We have a perfect knowledge of the inside working of Mr. Bell's society," Mr. Collison continued. "Over a thousand of his trusted members are confidential agents of this association, and we get at secret information very quickly. We know that he dare not force a strike, and that in the event of a ballot favorable to recognition being returned he will not get 15 per cent of his membership to come out."

"Again questioned as to the attitude of the companies towards engaging the laborers of his association, Mr. Collison was most emphatic on the point that he had received direct instructions to supply, and that this referred more particularly to the big trunk lines and not so much to the companies in the South of England."

"The Society of Railway Servants refutes the assertions of Mr. Collison and Mr. Williams, who is actively engaged in the organization, says:—

"In the first place it must be remembered that we have definite information that the National Free Labor Association has no membership whatever."

"We recollect his action in connection with the Taft Vale dispute, when Mr. Collison supplied men from quarters that were they best known to the travelling public they would in no circumstances have entrusted their lives in their hands."

"As regarded the statement that a thousand of our members were his confidential agents, one is surprised that anybody should be led away by such flimsy remarks, or that the railway companies should be inclined to accept such statements, and to endeavor to obtain a staff by these means in times of crisis."

"I am fully aware of the fact that several of our members have responded to the applications of Mr. Collison, without desire or intention of supporting him in his efforts, but simply to find out who were the authors of certain advertisements appearing in the papers."

"The executive committee of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants will hold a conference with Mr. Lloyd-George, secretary of the board of while switching in the Michigan Central yards in that city. Leo died most of his life in St. Thomas and Windsor.

FRENCH DRAMATIST ILL.

M. Edmond Rostand Slowly Recovering from Appendicitis.

Paris, Nov. 4.—M. Edmond Rostand left his bed on Saturday for the first time since his operation for appendicitis. He intended to leave a private hospital in Bayonne, where he has been attended, but was seized with giddiness and had to return to his bed. Although the patient's general condition continues satisfactory, his departure will be delayed several days.

SUSPECT THE POLICE.

Montreal, Que., Nov. 4.—A dozen ratepayers have petitioned the city council to investigate the administration of the police department.