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HUNDREDS REPORTED LOST IN WRECK OF FRENCH SHIP

Goes on the Rocks Off the Coast of Uruguay and Many of Passengers and Crew Perish.

BUENOS AYRES, MAY 7.—A DISPATCH FROM MONTEVIDEO PUBLISHED HERE TODAY SAYS THAT THE FRENCH TRANSPORT MARITIME STEAMER POITOU, FROM MARSEILLES APRIL 6 FOR THIS PORT, HAS BEEN WRECKED OFF THE COAST OF URUGUAY. ONE HUNDRED OF HER PASSENGERS AND CREW ARE SAID TO HAVE PERISHED.

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, MAY 8.—THE FRENCH STEAMER POITOU, FROM ALGERS, IS AGROUND OFF SAN JOSE, IGNACIO. IT IS FEARED THAT THERE HAS BEEN SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE ARE 200 PASSENGERS ON BOARD THE VESSEL, AND THAT HER CARGO WILL PROVE A TOTAL LOSS. NO FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE OBTAINABLE AT PRESENT.

THE POITOU STRUCK 300 YARDS FROM SHORE AT RINCON DE HERRO. PANIC ENSUED, AND MANY TERROR-STRICKEN PERSONS JUMPED OVERBOARD. SOME OF THEM SWAM ASHORE, BUT MANY WERE DROWNED. CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT RINCON DE HERRO SAVED 50 OUT OF THE 300 PASSENGERS, WHO ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN ON BOARD. HOW MANY OTHERS HAVE BEEN SAVED IS NOT KNOWN.

A NUMBER OF STEAMERS HAVE LEFT HERE FOR THE SCENE OF THE WRECK, AND THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SUCCOR THE SHIPWRECKED PERSONS.

ANOTHER CHAPTER OF ANOTHER BIG BLAZE AT PALERMO TRAGEDY AT HAILEYBURY, ONT.

Young Man Who Escaped From Burning Hut Commits Suicide.

Oakville, May 8.—Young Tom Jones, who escaped from the burning hut near Palermo, where the negroes Black Fanny and William Clark, her white companion, were cremated on Saturday night, committed suicide this morning. It is supposed that he was connected with the burning of the shack in some way. Undertaker Tuck has gone out to take charge of the remains.

Seven Stores and Buildings Destroyed at a Loss of \$25,000.

Haileybury, May 8.—This town was again visited by a disastrous fire last night, when seven stores and buildings were wiped out. O'Gorman's general store, Budd's drug store, D. Johns, assayer, a Chinese restaurant and a laundry were destroyed. Loss, \$25,000. Fire originated through the explosion of gasoline.

GROWING SECTION EAST OF CITY WANTS STREET RAILWAY EXTENSION

DOUBLE MURDER IN NEW YORK

Two Italian Women Slashed to Death by Razor and Relative Arrested.

New York, May 8.—Mrs. Maria Vito, a comely Italian matron of 24 years, and her mother, Mrs. Maria Brignoli, aged 55, were literally slashed to pieces with razors in their East Side home today. Giovanni Vito, the husband of the younger woman, is under arrest charged with the crime. It is alleged that he killed the women after a quarrel which followed their refusal to give him money. Vito, however, stoutly maintains that the women were killed by two men who broke into the home, and with whom he himself had a fierce struggle. In support of his story he exhibited to the police a cut on one of his hands, which, he declared, was inflicted by one of the men. His story is substantiated by his 3-year-old daughter. The police gave the story little credence, however, as Vito and the child were the only persons in the apartment when the murder, forced an entrance. All the doors of the apartment had been locked. Inside they found Vito, fully dressed, standing in the center of the room, which resembled a shambles.

INQUEST THIS AFTERNOON

Investigation of Death of Muncy Indian in Progress at Longwood.

The coroner's investigation of the death of Absalom Fox is being held this afternoon at Melbourne. High Constable Hughes and County Detective Norrington left at 2:30 p.m. for that place, in charge of Thomas Noah, the Muncy Indian who is being held in connection with the fatal stabbing of Fox, which occurred at a dance at Muncytown early on Friday morning last. The coroner is being represented by Crown Attorney McKillop.

Ever since his incarceration Noah has exhibited the greatest indifference over the case. In fact, he is the most unconcerned prisoner in the county jail, for he laughs and talks with the turnkeys as if he were being detained on the most trivial charge.

WANTS FREE DELIVERY.

St. Thomas, May 8.—Ald. Chant introduced the following resolution at the city council meeting last night: "That this council petition the Postmaster-General to grant St. Thomas free postal delivery, at the same time calling attention to our population and the great necessity for a postal delivery on account of our peculiar geographical layout."

Fifteen Die in Riot at Sea.

San Diego, California, May 8.—It was reported late last night that two sailors, who have escaped from the British steamer Maori King, which arrived here yesterday, from Shanghai, make sensational charges of brutality against the captain and officers of the ship. Rumors are in circulation to the effect that fifteen Chinese were killed during the riot on board and their bodies cast into the sea.

International complications are likely to result, and it is believed that most part of the charges remain yet to be told.

FARMER KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN

Allan McGinnis Meets Instant Death on G. T. R. Near Lucan Crossing.

A special dispatch to The Advertiser from Clonaboy states that a farmer named Allan McGinnis was killed between Lucan and Lucan Crossing about 11 o'clock last night.

McGinnis was either crossing or walking on the track of the Grand Trunk Railway, when he was struck by a westbound freight. His death was instantaneous.

Nothing was known of the accident until 7:30 this morning, when McGinnis' body was found by sectionmen. McGinnis was 35 years of age, and lived at Shipka, Huron County, a short distance from Parkhill.

BIG DEAL PROBABLE

Reid & Co. Secure Option on Shuttleworth Warehouse.

The firm of W. J. Reid & Co., who have leased their present premises on Dundas street to Peter Snirries, have secured an option on the warehouse property of J. R. Shuttleworth, on the east side of Clarence street, near Dundas.

The price is private, but it is understood that the Reid Company will purchase the property and greatly improve it.

Reid & Co. attempted to purchase a piece of land in the rear of James Malloch's carriage shop on King street, for the purpose of erecting an addition to the Shuttleworth building, but it is said that Mr. Malloch's price was too high. If the Shuttleworth deal goes through, Mr. Shuttleworth may erect a warehouse on the lot adjoining the First Congregational Church.

The property on the corner of Clarence and King street, which is used for a marble yard is being frequently sought these days.

It belongs to Mrs. C. M. R. Graham and the other day she was offered \$15,000 for it.

The offer was refused.

SUES TEN FARMERS

Standard Bank Hold Notes Which Defendants Say Are Fraudulent.

Glencoe, May 7.—In a case before Judge Elliott at Glencoe today ten farmers of the township of Elfrida were sued by the Standard Bank of Canada, Durham branch. The bank holds notes made by these farmers for the amount of \$20 each in favor of the Farmers' Manufacturing and Supply Company, of Durham. The defendants claim that the notes had been obtained by fraud and that no value had been received for them. In one of the cases the claims were non-suited, in the others judgment was reserved. Geo. S. Gibbons, K.C., of London, appeared for plaintiff, and T. G. Meredith and D. A. McDonald for defendants.

PEACE MOVE AT FRISCO

Labor Men and Civic League To End the Industrial Strife.

San Francisco, May 8.—At the special meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council last night the first step toward securing general industrial peace here was taken. A committee of prominent members of the council was appointed as a peace committee, and an invitation was extended to the Civic League to appoint a representative body to meet the peace committee this afternoon at the Labor Temple.

MANY HORSES FOR WOODBINE.

Detroit, Mich., May 8.—Local interest in the northern racing circuit is indicated by the assurance that from one to two hundred horse followers are planning to go to Toronto to be present at the opening of the Woodbine spring meeting. There is a special interest in the Woodbine meeting, the spring apart from the King's Plate and the fine racing and the social features of that track, in that a new style of betting must be adopted in lieu of the old ring system. It is expected that whatever system is adopted there will be seen throughout the northern circuit this season.

SENATOR ROSS WEDS MISS PEEL

Former Premier of Ontario and Celebrated Artist United in Marriage.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, May 8.—The marriage of Hon. Senator George W. Ross, former premier of Ontario, to Miss Mildred Peel, daughter of the late John R. Peel, one of the founders of the art school of London, was quietly celebrated at half-past two this afternoon in 3 Elmley Place, by Rev. Dr. Milligan, pastor of Old St. Andrew's Church. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. R. B. Belden, was attended by her two nieces, Misses Claire and Mildred Belden. She wore a beautiful gown of French creation, cream lace over taffeta of same shade. Later in the afternoon the bride and Mr. Ross left for a trip of some months' duration through the Western States.

Miss Peel is an artist and sculptor, well known in Canadian art circles. One of her most notable art productions in this country is a bronze bust of Laura Secord, erected by the Ontario Historical Society at Lundy's Lane. A life-sized portrait of the same subject from her brush, as well as portraits of Sir Matthew Crooks, Cameron and ex-speaker of the House of Commons, are in the collection in this city, and in the Government collection in the Normal School are many busts of prominent men modeled by her. Miss Peel, like her distinguished brother, the late Paul Peel, whose gold medal salon picture, "After the Bath," is so well known, received her art education in Paris.

FAR EAST TREATIES BLOCK THE GERMANS

Great Britain, Russia, France and Japan to Keep Status Quo.

Paris, May 8.—M. Kurino, the Japanese minister, in an interview today is quoted as making the important statement that the series of treaties between Great Britain, France, Russia and Japan, guaranteeing the territorial status quo in the far east, implied an engagement to prevent other countries from acquiring territory there.

Minister Kurino denied that the Franco-Japanese alliance was in any way aimed at the United States.

Continuing, M. Kurino said that as Germany had no possessions in the far east, Kiau Chou being simply leased Chinese ground, a treaty with the act of peace between Japan and France would be useless.

HAYWOOD LOSES A POINT

Motion for a Bill of Particulars Denied by the Court.

Boise, Idaho, May 18.—The motion for a bill of particulars filed by the defense in the case of W. D. Haywood, secretary and treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, charged with the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, was denied this morning by Judge Fremont Wood.

CANNED STUFF INSPECTORS

Forty-five Appointed To Begin Their Duties on Aug. 1.

Ottawa, May 8.—This week's Canada Gazette will contain a proclamation stating that the act to provide for inspection of canned food products, meats and fish, passed at the last session of Parliament, will come into force on August 1 next. Regulations in respect to duties of inspectors, methods of inspection, etc., are now being drafted. The Government will appoint about 45 inspectors, who will be under Dr. Rutherford as inspector-general. The cost of enforcing the act is estimated at \$75,000 a year. The salaries of the inspectors will be \$1,200 per year.

THE CHESTER CUP.

London, May 8.—The Chester Cup, a handicap of 2,500 sovereigns for 9-year-olds, was run today, and won by Quaido. Bibiani was second, and Quaido was third. Twelve horses started.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERS.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, May 8—8 a.m.
Today—Moderate to fresh easterly winds; fair; not much change in temperature.
Thursday—Showers.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Max.
Calgary. 34 20 40
Winnipeg. 34 20 40
Port Arthur. 28 18 38
Perry Sound. 36 32 40
Toronto. 48 34 54
Ottawa. 40 36 46
Montreal. 44 40 48
Quebec. 40 36 46
Father Point. 34 32 40

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 60.5°; lowest, 35° above.

Light snow or rain has occurred in many portions of the Western Provinces, and a few scattered showers in Ontario. Otherwise the weather has been everywhere fair.

MAYOR SAYS "NOTHING BETTER THAN THE KOMOKA SCHEME YET"

PERTH COUNTY SHERIFF IS MR. THOS. MAGWOOD

Ex-M. P. P. for North Perth Succeeds the Late Mr. Hosie.

Toronto, May 8.—Mr. Thos. Magwood, of Stratford, ex-M. P. P. for North Perth, has been appointed sheriff of Perth County in succession to the late John Hosie. The new sheriff was first returned to the Legislature for North Perth at a by-election in 1890. He was born in East Flamboro Township in 1851. Mr. Magwood is a farmer. He was defeated in the general election of 1898.

PRESSMEN WAIT ON MR. LEMIEUX

Ask for Some Modifications in New Postal Convention With U. S.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 8.—A delegation from the Canadian Press Association is here today, and will meet Postmaster-General Lemieux to present this afternoon resolutions passed at a meeting of the executive of the association in Toronto in reference to the new postal convention between Canada and the United States, which went into operation today. The resolutions asked for delay in putting the convention into effect. This, however, cannot be granted, as the United States would not consent to any delay.

The resolutions also asked that the department give publishers stamped wrappers for single newspapers by paying for the cost of the stamp, and also for certain reduction on domestic rates on newspapers.

The delegation comprises J. J. Clarke, of Saturday Night; J. T. MacKay, Toronto Globe; H. B. Donley, Simcoe Reformer, and C. W. Young, Cornwall Freeholder. It is understood that Mr. Lemieux is willing to do whatever he possibly can to meet the views of the delegates.

BANDITS CAUGHT

Desperadoes Who Held Up North Coast Limited Were Mere Boys.

Helena, Montana, May 8.—A dispatch to Sheriff Shoemaker here says that the men who held up the North Coast Limited yesterday have been arrested at Basin, a few miles from Woodville. They are mere youths.

LONDONER NAMED FOR BIG POSITION

Mr. G. A. Somerville Said To Be Slated for Management of Manufacturers' Life.

It is announced in a dispatch from Toronto that Mr. G. A. Somerville, manager of the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company, of this city, has been offered the position of general manager of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, to succeed Mr. J. E. Junkin, who has resigned to open a financial office in Toronto.

Mr. Somerville was seen by The Advertiser today, and said he was not in a position to make any statement. Mr. Somerville came to London from Waterloo about eighteen years ago, to succeed Mr. Stanley in the management of the Huron and Erie. He has been eminently successful here, and his name is well known in financial circles throughout the Dominion of Canada.

The following official circular has been issued regarding the resignation of Mr. Junkin, whose place it is said, Mr. Somerville will be called upon to fill:

"Mr. J. F. Junkin, who has been for twelve years managing director of the Manufacturers' Life, is resigning that position with the intention of opening a financial office for the purpose of dealing in bonds, debentures, and other securities.

"Under Mr. Junkin's management the Manufacturers' Life has made tremendous strides. During the twelve years its business in force has increased from a little over \$3,000,000 to almost \$50,000,000, its assets from slightly over eight hundred thousand to eight and a half millions, and its income from about a quarter of a million to over two million dollars a year.

"Mr. Junkin has for several years believed that he would have greater personal scope in business for himself, and has finally decided to take the step of opening an independent financial office.

"It is not yet decided who Mr. Junkin's successor will be in the Manufacturers' Life."

GREAT FIRE AT HAMBURG.

Hamburg, May 8.—A large fire broke out at noon in the suburb of Steinwerder, in the territory of the Free Hanseatic City of Hamburg, on the North Elbe. The Schlemmer mineral wash factory will probably be a total loss. The flames threaten to leap over the middle channel and ignite the lumber yards.

NEWFOUNDLAND WINS TEST CASE

Supreme Court Decides the Bay of Islands Dispute.

MODUS VIVENDI NOT INVOLVED

The American Owners Cannot Engage Islanders Within the Three-Mile Limit.

St. John's, Nfld., May 8.—The supreme court of Newfoundland, in upholding yesterday the Colonial Government in its contentions respecting the so-called Bay of Islands herring fisheries case, in which the right of Newfoundland fishermen to be employed by American vessel owners within the three-mile limit, was involved, decided that the treaty of 1818 and the modus vivendi of 1905 between the United States and Great Britain had no bearing on the issue, although sections of both agreements were considered in the arguments.

The hearing of the case, which is one of the most involved ever considered by the court, has occupied a period of more than two months. The case was a test one. Under the enforcement of the colonial bait act, the Americans were prohibited from engaging Newfoundlanders within the three-mile limit, unless the colonial fishermen held a license. To circumvent these regulations the Americans engaged colonial fishermen outside the three-mile limit, but afterwards continued them in their employment within the limit. The Americans held that they had a perfect right to do this under the terms of the modus vivendi, arranged last year between the American and British Governments.

In carrying out the bait act the Colonial Government last year arrested two Newfoundland fishermen, named Crane and Dubois, at Bay of Islands, on the charge of violating the law in putting herring aboard the Gloucester (Mass.) fishing schooner Ralph L. Hall. In the local court they were convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$500, each or spend three months in jail.

When the case was appealed in its decision, the court held that the men were rightly convicted, and are bound by local laws. The court held that the treaty of 1818, and the modus vivendi are not involved, as the appellants are not American fishermen, and enjoy no exemption from colonial laws under these arrangements.

The Newfoundland Government regards the decision as a great victory, but its final effect on the American frozen herring industry will not be determined until the points involved are passed upon by the highest court of Great Britain.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

May 7. Reported at. From.
Kaiser Wilhelm. New York. Bremen.
H. S. Sarnation. Boston. Glasgow.
Deutschland. Plymouth. New York.
United States. Copenhagen. New York.
Montana. Antwerp. New York.
Zeeland. Antwerp. New York.
Kronprinz. Gibraltar. New York.
Neckar. Gibraltar. New York.
Gallia. Gibraltar. New York.
Sonne. Father Point. New York.
Kilduna. Father Point. New York.
Ontarian. Cape Ray. Newcastle.

GREAT CONVENTION OF IRISHMEN TO DISCUSS THE COUNCIL BILL

THE TEACHERS' EXCURSION

Ho! For Cleveland on May 22 Via M. C. R. and Boat.

Some people are under the impression that the trip to Cleveland with the London teachers for May 24, will cost only \$3.40. This is erroneous. The fare to Detroit and return will be \$3.40; to Cleveland and return from Detroit, \$1.50, making a total for the round trip of \$4.90. If state rooms on the boat to Cleveland are engaged, they will cost \$2.50 per berth each way. In a circular issued to the teachers, Mr. Edwards also gives the following information:

"Leave London at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, the 22nd.

"Leave Detroit at 10:15 p.m. arrive in Cleveland about 6 a.m. Breakfast on boat, if desired, or at restaurant.

"Hotel rate, \$1 per day. European plan—meals where desired; rates in Cleveland very reasonable.

"Thursday and Friday, visiting schools, to which teachers will be assigned by Superintendent Elison, to whom information has already been given as to the number of teachers who will probably go, and the department or grade each wishes to visit.

"Return, leaving Cleveland at 11:15 p.m. Friday, arrive in Detroit at 6 a.m. Saturday in Detroit, leaving for home at 6:30 p.m. Those who wish may remain over night or remain over in Detroit. Friends of teachers who may wish to accompany them will please send their names to me as soon as possible, so that arrangements can be made to secure the necessary accommodation."

Delegates of All Parties and Religions to Gather at Dublin.

Dublin.

London, May 8.—The Nationalists have called a great convention to be held in Dublin May 21 and 22, to consider the Government's bill. All the Irish city corporations and the borough and city rural councils have been invited to send delegates irrespective of politics. The branches of the United Irish League in Ireland and England also will be represented, and all the clergymen of Ireland, irrespective of denomination, will be ex-officio delegates. It is expected that more than 2,000 persons will attend the convention.

John E. Redmond, as leader of the Nationalists, will set forth Mr. Russell's proposed bill, and ask the convention to pass its opinions thereon for the guidance of the Irish members of Parliament.

At the conclusion of Mr. Redmond's speech in the House yesterday, interest in the debate dwindled. Thomas W. Russell, Liberal member for the southern division of Tyrone, expressed the conviction that there had been a change of opinion, and that the mass of the people at Ulster would be found supporting the measure, which, he said, had excited the opposition of the Ulster Unionists, because they feared it would put an end to their reign of patronage.

R. Barry, solicitor-general for Ireland, repudiated the suggestion that there had been a private treaty with the Nationalists in respect to this bill.