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MARINE OFFICIALS WERE SUSPENDED FOR INSUBORDINATION

Hon. Mr. Brodeur Makes Statement in the House About Recent Scandals--Declines to State Why Accountant Owens Was Laid Off--Orders for Royal Commission to Investigate Dishonesty Charges Laid on the Table.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, April 2--The leader of the opposition asked the premier, when the house met today, if the report that Judge Walter Cassels refused to act as commissioner to enquire into the marine department, was correct.

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and devise the best way of promoting the interests of the battlefields project.

Marine Department Inquiry.

The order-in-council appointing Hon. Mr. Justice Cassels at royal commissioner to investigate the charges of wrongdoing, made in the report of the civil service commission against unnamed officials in the marine and fisheries department, was laid on the table of the commons today.

"There would also seem to be a lack of conscience. In connection with the enormous expenditures which are deemed necessary the word 'discount' never appears. It is tacitly assumed there is no such thing, but the whole commercial world knows otherwise. If anyone gets any benefit from trade with the government except the trader, then it must be clear that in those great purchases made by the government without discount, its officers must be assisting the trader to get better prices from the government than he can get anywhere else, for everywhere else he has to give a discount. In other words some of the government officers are serving two masters and apparently succeeding with both, scripture notwithstanding."

The order concludes with the recommendation that Hon. Walter Cassels be a commissioner to investigate and report upon the foregoing statements contained in the said report of the civil service commission reflecting upon the integrity of officials of the department of marine and fisheries.

NOTED ANARCHIST ARRAIGNED IN NEW YORK COURTS



ALEXANDER BERKMAN IN COURT

New York, April 2--Remarkable activity on the part of the police in their effort to obtain conclusive evidence of the conspiracy they believe prompted the throwing of a bomb in Union square on Saturday was coupled with an air of mystery that pervaded the department from top to bottom and led to the belief that the officials were delaying wholesale arrests only in order to clinch the evidence already in their possession.

Commissioner Bingham announced that he was about to ask the city authorities for a fund of \$100,000 for the organization of a secret police force for use in the effort to prevent just such crimes. This announcement followed the arrest and subsequent release on parole of Alexander Berkman, the acknowledged leader of American anarchism.

Weakness of evidence presented against Berkman in court, coupled with the knowledge that the police have more documents connecting him with Silverstein than they have made public, gave rise to the opinion that developments in this phase of the investigation may be expected.

Information reached the police that Emma Goldman, Berkman's associate in the publication of Mother Earth, an anarchist periodical of which copies were found in Silverstein's room, left Minneapolis for Canada. Considerable importance was attached by the police to an article in the last number of the magazine, which spoke of the month of March as the time for a "demonstration" that would bring the proletariat to the doors of the palace.

Every available man in the Detective Bureau was engaged on one phase or another of the Union square affair. Every known haunt of anarchists was under close surveillance, and several new ones were discovered and watched. In some sections of the east side there seemed to be a policeman in every block.

Police and deputy sheriffs in the court room drew revolvers and opened fire on McDonald, who returned the fire. Before the convicted man fell with half a dozen bullets in his body, he had shot Harvey V. Jones, superintendent of police, in the side; Deputy Sheriff Ira Wellman, in the side; Sylvester Doyle, court bailiff, in the leg and a bystander in the side. The jury jumped to their feet at the first shot. Judge J. T. Winter, one of the attorneys tried to stop McDonald, but he only hindered the officers, who were afraid of hitting him when they shot at McDonald.

Judge Crane, who presided at the trial, on the railing of the jury box, and spectators rushed out in confusion.

DESPERATE WORK OF CONVICTED FIREBUG

After Verdict Was Announced He Killed One Official and Seriously Wounded Four Others Before He Was Shot Down.

Terre Haute, Ind., April 2--Having been found guilty of a charge of arson, Harry D. McDonald, in the circuit court room today, shot and killed Chief of Detectives Wm. E. Dwyer, seriously wounding three other officers and a bystander, and was himself seriously wounded. McDonald had been tried for dynamiting stores and a church in Sanford last year. As soon as the jury reported its verdict, McDonald jumped up, drew a revolver and fired at Prosecuting Attorney James A. Cooper, jr., but missed, because Cooper tipped his chair over backwards. McDonald continued firing at the officers seated around the counsel table. Detective Sawyer fell dead at the third shot.

PRINCIPAL MACLAREN OF KNOX COLLEGE RESIGNS POSITION

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, April 2--Rev. Principal MacLaren announced his resignation from Knox College at a meeting of the management committee of the college today. The question of a successor will not be dealt with until the General Assembly accepts the resignation.

ANOTHER SKYSCRAPER FOR NEW YORK CITY

New York, April 2--Plans for another skyscraper building to be erected on the lower end of the Manhattan Island, facing on West and Washington streets, were announced today. The new structure is to be 38 stories and 445 feet in height. It will cost \$4,600,000.

JUDGE CASSELLS WILL ACCEPT

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, April 2--There is no truth in the report sent out from Ottawa that Justice Cassels had refused the appointment of commissioner to investigate the charges of dishonesty against certain officials in the marine department.

OTAWA OFFICIAL RESIGNS

Ottawa, April 2--It is understood that W.R. Bredner, chief clerk of the customs department, has accepted a position from the manufacturers association.

REV. DR. FLANDERS IS NEW PASTOR OF CENTENARY CHURCH

Has Resigned Principalship of Stanstead College, Quebec, and Will Come to St. John in June--Rev. Mr. Spargo Transferred--Centenary's New Pastor a Fluent Speaker and Able Man in Ministry.

Rev. Dr. Flanders, principal of Stanstead College, Quebec, will be the new pastor of Centenary Methodist church, St. John, succeeding Rev. Dr. H. Sprague who has resigned the pastorate to accept the position of dean of the theological faculty of Mount Allison University, Sackville.

Rev. Dr. Flanders is about fifty years of age. He has filled important pastorates in the city of Montreal. He holds the B. A. and B. D. degrees from Victoria College, Toronto. During the past ten or twelve years he has been principal of Stanstead College (Que.), but has resigned to re-enter the active ministry. Dr. Flanders is a very fluent speaker and a capable man in all the departments of ministerial work.

It is understood that at the meeting of the New Brunswick conference Dr. Flanders will go to Sackville in June and the new pastor of Centenary will take up the work here on June 15. The news of Rev. Dr. Flanders' selection is conveyed in the following special despatch received last evening from Toronto where the transfer committee of the Methodist church in Canada was in session yesterday.

The transfer committee of the Methodist church, which convened in Toronto today, concluded its labors tonight. A number of resolutions were adopted. Those touching the New Brunswick conference were: Rev. W. H. Spargo, transferred into the Bay of Quinte conference and Rev. Dr. Flanders, from Montreal conference, to the New Brunswick conference. Mr. Spargo's transfer will take effect on June 1, and Dr. Flanders' on June 15.

QUICK DIVORCE LIKELY FOR MRS. VANDERBILT

Testimony Began Yesterday With Multi-Millionaire's Valet as First Witness--Both Parties in a Hurry to Untie the Marriage Knot.



MRS. ALFRED G. VANDERBILT

New York, April 2--The first testimony in the divorce suit of Mrs. Elsie French Vanderbilt against her husband, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, which was filed in the supreme court yesterday, was taken today before Judge David McInnes. Howard Kemper, the personal valet of Mr. Vanderbilt, was the one witness called today. The fact that the valet did not depart with his employer on the Mauretania yesterday caused some comment, but his appearance before the referee would indicate that the reason he did not do so was the desire of the parties to the action to rush matters. By arrangement he appeared under subpoena or otherwise.

ALLAN LINER PRETORIAN HAD STORMY VOYAGE

Halifax, April 2--(Special)--Eleven days out from Glasgow, the Allan liner Pretorian arrived this morning, after one of the worst passages in her history. All the way across heavy storms were encountered, and one day she made only 132 miles. Heavy seas swept the vessel continually. Two hundred passengers left for the west on a C. P. R. special this afternoon. The remainder proceeded by the I. C. R.

BLAMES AIRBRAKES NOT WORKING FOR DEBBY JCT. WRECK

(Special to The Telegraph.) Newcastle, N. B., April 2--The inquest into the death of brakeman Robert W. Lamkey, killed yesterday at Debby Junction, in a head-on collision between C. P. R. special and No. 61, was held here this afternoon before Coroner Desmond. Robert Despatcher Hugh Quilly, the first witness, testified that No. 61 left Newcastle for Indiantown fifteen minutes late. Chipman Dixon, conductor of the west-bound special, swore that his crew, Edward Doyle, driver, deceased, and Frank Leahy, brakeman; C. Melanson, fireman. He had twenty-four cars from Moncton. Specials are supposed to keep clear of regular trains. The air brakes laid worked well up to just before the collision. Having no orders regarding No. 61, he knew it was his duty to stop at Debby Junction and enquire, and he intended to do so. When approaching the southwest bridge he felt the engineer checking speed, but not fast enough to stop the train at Debby Junction. He himself then almost immediately applied the air brakes in vain. He noticed the pressure was reduced some six or eight pounds. When applying the brakes he heard air but it made much less noise than it should have done. He failed to stop the train. It struck No. 61 twenty-four car lengths past the station. He hastened to the front, saw the brakeman in the ditch and carried him up the bank. He was dead. He explained the wreck by the brakes not having enough air pressure. Dr. Pedolin, Amos Murray, and Allan Maloney also testified. The hearing was postponed till tomorrow.

OVERSEAS MAIL CONTRACT HAS ABOUT EXPIRED

Only One More Trip Each Way of Famous Service Between Liverpool and Hong Kong--Negotiations on for Its Renewal.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, April 2--There is a prospect that the famous "Overseas Mail" inaugurated last year by the Canadian Pacific Railway and steamship service between Liverpool and Hong Kong will come to an end within a few weeks, by the expiry of the contract.

The present contract with the British government comes to an end in about a month. In fact the overseas mail, which leaves Liverpool for the Orient Friday by the Empress of Ireland, will be the last westbound mail under the old contract, while one more overseas trip will make the trip from Hong Kong to Liverpool under the same arrangement.

Whether the service will be continued, or not depends upon the action of the British government. Negotiations are now under way between the Canadian Pacific and the home government for a renewal of the contract, and it is expected that this will be done. Until the imperial government reaches a decision, however, nothing can be said on this side as to whether the famous service will be continued or not.

MONTREAL SHIP-LABORERS BALLOT ON WAGE RATE

Majority Favor Straight Rate of 30 Cents an Hour Instead of Bonus System.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, April 2--The longshoremen held a meeting tonight at which a vote was taken on the question of wages, the point at issue being whether or not the bonus system should be continued. Last year the men got 27 1/2 cents an hour by day, and 32 1/2 cents by night, with a 2 1/2 cent an hour bonus for all who signed an agreement to work until the end of the season.

Three hundred men were at the meeting tonight, and the feeling was almost unanimous to demand for the coming season a straight rate of 30 cents for day work and 35 cents at night. At the close of the meeting a secret ballot was taken on the subject, the result of which will be announced Monday night.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL JACKSON FAILS TO HUSH UP CHARGES

New York, April 2--The minutes of the grand jury which inquired into Attorney-General Jackson's connection with the receivership of the Hamilton Bank, will be submitted to Governor Hughes and to the legislature. This was decided today by Judge Foster in the court of general sessions after hearing arguments on a presentation handed up by the grand jury which declared there was a conflict of interest between the attorney-general and the receiver of the Hamilton Bank. The action of the grand jury in making the presentation was gratuitous and absolutely without authority of law.

AMERICA'S PIONEER SUGAR REFINER DEAD

New York, April 2--Said to have been the first refiner of sugar in the United States, Harmon Schwesler, a native of Germany, retired for thirty years after a successful business career in this city, is dead at his home here, aged eighty-eight years. When a young man he came from Germany and in company with several southern fellow countrymen, opened a small shop where the partnership began to refine sugar, at which trade they worked in Germany. This was the beginning of the sugar refining industry in America.

MAN NEARLY PERISHED IN TORONTO FIRE

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Ont., April 2--Ephraim Gelman nearly lost his life in a fire that damaged the National Martz Biscuit Works today and burned up nearly all the unleavened bread, supplied for the Jewish passover. Loss \$6,000.

BORDER MASONIC LODGES TO HOLD DISTRICT CONVENTION

(Special to The Telegraph.) St. Stephen, N. B., April 2--A committee consisting of delegates from Masonic Lodges of this district met here this afternoon with District Deputy Hiltz, of Milltown, and drew up a scheme to be submitted to the lodges of this district, which will no doubt result in organization of an annual district convention. The lodge will report to District Deputy Hiltz, who is empowered to call the convention, which upon invitation of Worshipful Master Smith, of St. Marks Lodge, will probably hold its first meeting at St. Andrews on St. John's Day, June 21.

SHAREHOLDERS GRUMBLE AT GRAND TRUNK'S HEAVY EXPENDITURE

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, April 2--A special London cable says: There is much comment in financial circles today on the Grand Trunk report. The point most dwelt upon is the heavy increase in expenditure, as shown by the fact that, though gross receipts for the half year increased by \$178,000, all except \$20,000 was wiped out by working expenses, the ratio of expenses amounting from 71.45 to 72.03 per cent.

RICH HARVEST FROM WRECKED STR. SILVIA

New Bedford People Get Possession of \$100,000 Worth of Newfoundland Stamps That Were Being Shipped to St. John's by American Bank Note Company.

New Bedford, Mass., April 2--Postage stamps valued at upwards of \$100,000, become a veritable phantasmagoria of riches. Many sheets of the stamps have been given away and some are said to have been sold. They are in two and five cent denominations and one woman is said to have possession of the Canada five cent stamps, alone valued at \$80,000. The stamps, which taken from the box in the American Banknote Company, they were not listed on the ship's manifest, the insurance adjusters here state, but were shipped as cash in charge of the purser of the steamer.

POSTMISTRESS CONTRACTS SMALLPOX FROM HANDLING MAILS

(Special to The Telegraph.) Weston, Ont., April 2--Yesterday Mrs. John Barker, wife of the postmaster here, was taken to the hospital at Toronto, suffering from smallpox. It is supposed she contracted the disease through handling the mail.

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