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GREAT DAMAGE BY SUDDEN FLOODS

Port Hope Stores Wrecked by Water and Ice—Belleville Streets Inundated—Near Fatalities at St. Thomas.

PORT HOPE, Feb. 24.—The usually picturesque little Ganeraska River, swollen by the recent rains, overflowed its banks this afternoon and caused damage that will run up close to \$25,000.

A slight rise toward noon gave little indication of serious flood, but between 2 and 3 o'clock the river had changed to a torrent and had torn out the Canton bridge, to the north; Helmsdam, the electric light plant footbridge, the Barrett's Mill bridge and the G.T.R. foot bridge, besides ripping away the north side of the cement bridge on Walton-street, Port Hope's main thoroughfare.

The Ontario House was swamped, part of the barn torn away and several cutters lost; the Royal Hotel had its new balcony destroyed, and Walton, Queen, Mill, and Main streets were flooded two feet deep.

Thousands of heavy blocks of ice swept down the streets and presented an awe-inspiring sight. On the east side of Walton-street bridge the ice filled The Times office, Tom Lee's laundry, Putnam's shoe store, Smith's barber-shop, Wells' bakery, Shaw's store, Moore's restaurant and two empty stores. The laundry, shoe store, barber-shop, bakery and the empty stores were almost wrecked, the windows breaking in.

The Toronto Bank and McLean's piano store were flooded, but not damaged. Hayden's foundry, Chalk's carriage works and G. N. Pattison's lumber yards were also suffering, the latter losing \$1500 worth of timber.

The girls in the Ideal Clothing Factory had to escape by ladders, and Ken Runnels, insurance agent, had a narrow escape from drowning, his rig and horse falling with the G.T.R. bridge.

It was said that a Canton man lost his life, but telephonic communication fails to confirm.

Large gangs of men are at work tonight removing the ice blocks from the streets.

Upset in Flood Exposure Kills

Wm. Boyle Missed Bridge and Drove Into Swollen Creek—Team Were Drowned—Son Escapes.

HAGERSVILLE, Feb. 24.—A fatality occurred to-day about two miles from Hagersville.

William Boyle and his son were returning home from Hagersville about noon. They had to pass over the Spring Creek on the reserve, where they found the road for nearly a quarter of a mile under water. They attempted to cross, but missed the bridge, went over the embankment into deep water and sank.

The team was drowned and Boyle is supposed to have been seized with cramps. He was unable to get out of the water. His son reached land and called for help and two men succeeded in getting Boyle out, but he died at almost immediately.

Dr. Playfair decided that Boyle died from exposure, having been in the water for nearly two hours.

EXPECT AUSTRIA AND SERVA TO CLASH

Situation in the Balkans Again Assumes a Serious Phase—Russian Policy is Under Suspicion.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24.—The pessimism with regard to the Balkan crisis is steadily deepening in diplomatic circles, where it is believed that Austrian action against Serbia may be expected within a fortnight, unless a solution to the present grave problem is soon arranged.

Foreign office officials state that Russia is not disposed to consider an invasion of Serbia alone as a *casus belli*, but there is fear that the government's hand may be forced under such circumstances by popular feeling. The beginning of hostilities would throw thousands of Russian volunteers into the Serbian ranks.

NOTABLE WOMEN MARTYRS IN THE CAUSE

Suffragettes Make Three Valiant Attempts to Reach Parliament and Social Leaders Are Among Those Arrested.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Every effort of the suffragettes to force the hand of the government becomes more determined, and it is increasingly difficult to predict how their demands may be successfully met.

The situation has taken on an embarrassing aspect for the government, owing to the high social position of many among some 30 or more women arrested this evening, these including Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Constance Lytton, sister of Lord Lytton, and daughter of the former viceroy of India; Miss Stratford Dugdale, daughter of Commander Dugdale, and cousin of the Hon. William R. Peel, who was elected yesterday by-election as member of the house of commons for Hanton; Miss Daisy Solomon, daughter of the ex-premier of Cape Colony, and Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Corbett, an aristocratic supporter of suffrage movement.

Both sides were well prepared for tonight's attempt, the part of the suffragettes to force themselves on Premier Asquith, who yesterday had declined by letter to receive the deputations. The women had "paraded" at Caxton Hall, and a number of them started on "danger duty" in a solid phalanx, led by Mrs. Lawrence.

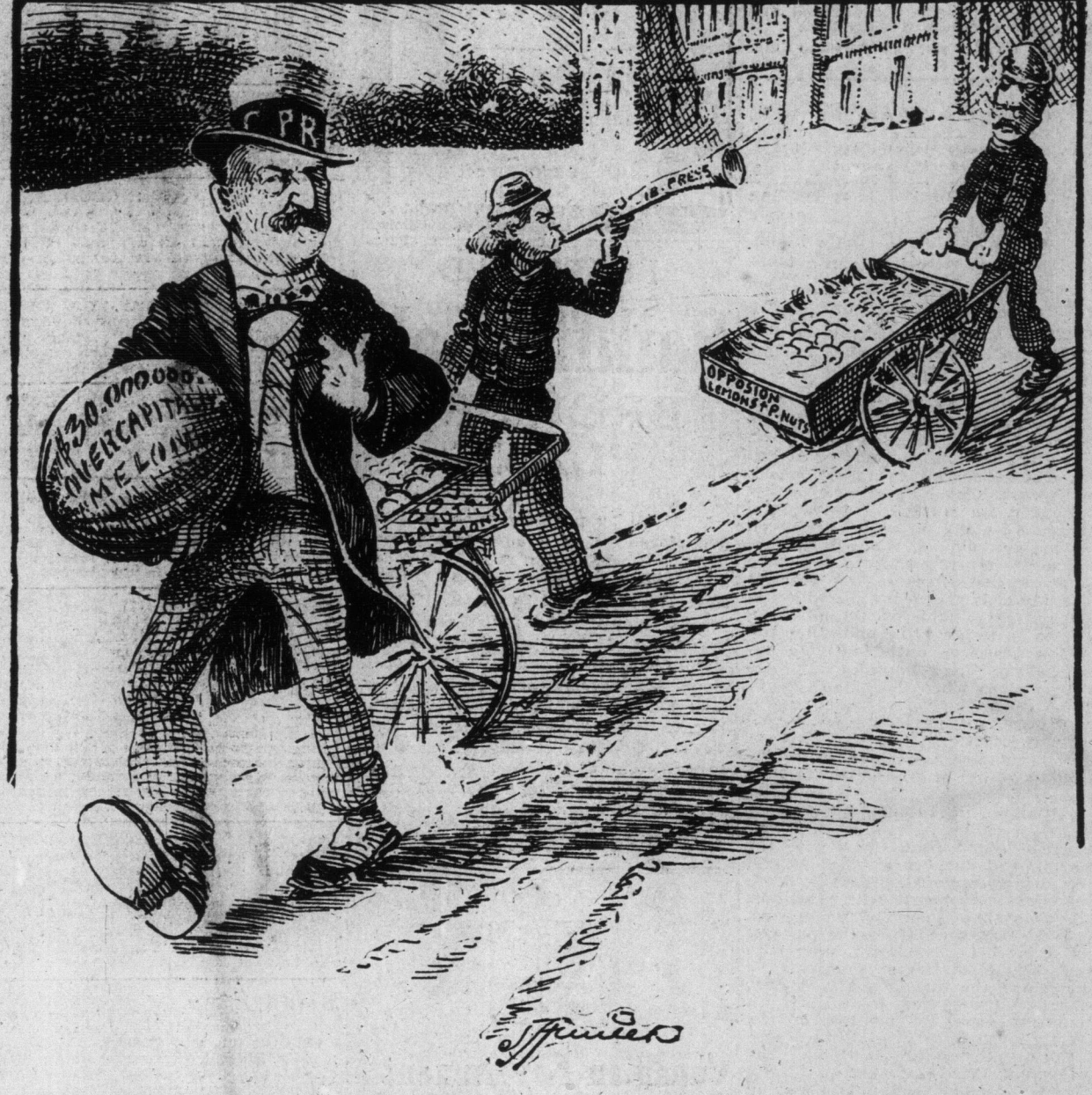
The police, abandoning former tactics of barring the approaches to the house of commons, adopted the new plan of breaking up the procession close to Caxton Hall. They permitted the suffragettes to proceed simply by force, escorted by small parties of police.

The women were this time given much more freedom than on previous occasions, but the leaders of the movement declared their intention to adopt still more forcible methods.

Life's Not Worth Living. The speakers at the "parliament" were most earnest. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, during the course of a speech, said: "When I speak of stronger measures, I speak in my own name. I value neither our liberty nor our lives unless the women of this country get a vote."

Mrs. Solomon, returning from the first expedition, apologized to the meeting for her failure to get arrested. She said she had been taken to the station and another attempt. All the expeditions were given musical honors when they set forth, the band playing the Marseillaise.

Wanted Women



MR. SHAUGHNESSY: They have lemons and peanuts for the country—but they always save a melon for me.

NOW U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL REGULATE POWER

Planning to Take Over Full Control of the Water Supply at Sault Ste. Marie.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—In an amendment proposed to the river and harbor bill, which is likely to be adopted by the senate committee on commerce, the government is to take over full control of all the water supply at Sault Ste. Marie, put all power companies on the same basis, and make them pay for water used, vested rights to be compensated for thru condemnation proceedings.

This affects the Michigan and Lake Superior Power Company and the Union Carbide Company, both of which are said to be owned by those controlling the People's Gas Company of Chicago.

Steps looking to this end have been pending in congress for some years. Little doubt is expressed in circles usually well informed but that the amendment will be adopted by the committee and the matter will then go to the senate, where it will be fought out.

Opposition exists, and an effort will be made to keep the government's hands off.

DESERTS WIFE AND BABES TO WED ANOTHER GIRL

George Flint of St. Thomas Had Said He Was Going to England, But Instead Went to Erindale

Six months ago Thomas George Flint, an Englishman, left his wife and two little ones at their home in St. Thomas, saying he was going back to England and would return. Two months later two boys were born, but neither report nor even word came from the departed husband.

He did not go to England, but to Erindale, where he met Maggie Elliott, a former sweetheart, and together they went to Bolton and were married.

Yesterday Flint was arrested by County Constable Gould of Bolton and taken to Toronto, where he was turned over to Chief William Armstrong of St. Thomas. He is charged with non-support, but as he admits his second marriage he will be charged with bigamy.

ALIENS BARRED OUT Nevada to Retain Grazing Land for American Subjects.

C.P.R. PUTS UP A FENCE CLOSING A NECESSARY ROAD

Railway Commission Will Be Asked to Decide on the Justice of a Rosedale Crossing Affair.

"Insolent," is the word used by Wm. McLeish to describe the action of the C.P.R. in closing a grade crossing at Rosedale, leading from Summerhill avenue, immediately north of St. Andrew's College, to eight Hill-avenue, a road put thru and graded at considerable expense to give access to his property, which comprises lands on both sides of this road, running up over the hill. McLeish has also built another road at right angles to this, known as Ridge-avenue, this crossing is now being boarded up on both sides of the right of way; the grade up to the tracks has been destroyed, the hoarding taken up, and a man is on guard, presumably to see that no venturesome soul climbs the fence.

John McKim, teamster, is the tenant of the only house at present on the property, a neat two-story brick building, with extensive stabling in rear. The sequel to his activity yesterday was a letter sent by John Kyle, solicitor for York Township, to the C.P.R., Mr. Kyle intends to vigorously follow the matter up. The C.P.R. tracks form at this point the boundary between the city and the township.

Angus MacMurphy, solicitor for the C.P.R., declined to express any opinion on the matter, but said that the crossing is boarded up on both sides of the right of way; the grade up to the tracks has been destroyed, the hoarding taken up, and a man is on guard, presumably to see that no venturesome soul climbs the fence.

AN ARBITER TOO MANY Ottawa Labor Department Asked Two Men to Fill One Vacancy.

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LIFE SENTENCE IMPOSED ON EX-CHIEF MALONE

Jury, Out Two Hours, Return Verdict of Guilty—No Evidence Submitted by Defense—Prisoner Asks Time to Provide for Wife.

SHIMCOE, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Imprisonment for life in Kingston Penitentiary was the sentence imposed to-night by Chief Justice Mulock in Archibald W. Malone, found guilty by a Norfolk County jury of attempting to murder his fellow constable, William Wilkins, on the morning of Dec. 2 last.

The jury were out 2 hours and 10 minutes, and returned to the courtroom about 7.35.

"Have you agreed upon a verdict?" asked the clerk.

"Guilty," said the foreman.

W. E. Kelly, K.C., counsel for defendant, asked that the jury be polled. Every man of the twelve said "Guilty" in a clear voice.

"What have you to say, Malone, why the sentence of this court should not be passed on you?" said his lordship.

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