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ARKANSAS TOWN IS SLIDING INTO RIVER

Water Front of Pine Bluff is Rapidly Crumbling Away—Business Blocks in Danger.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 4—Unable to withstand the continuous pressure of water hurled against it, through the diverting of the current of the river, the result of the dynamiting operations last night, the government dyke at the foot of Alabama street, several blocks south of the danger zone, was washed away last night for a distance of 200 yards, and the steep bank at this point, with the entire force of the swollen river working against it is fast crumbling into the river. Great portions are tumbling at rapid intervals, and the roaring of the river, and the caving banks may be heard for a great distance. An entire block of business houses has been abandoned and smaller buildings are being rolled away. Several buildings overhanging the brink of the stream will doubtless collapse today.

East Barraque street, fronting on the river for several blocks is a scene of desolation and efforts are being made to remove the stocks of the business houses and household goods.

Late tonight dynamiters resumed the work of blowing away the north bank opposite Pine Bluff in an effort to relieve the present endangered section of the city.

STEEL STOCK SOARS ON LONDON REPORTS

Montreal, Dec. 4 (Special)—The privy council proceedings are giving renewed activity to Dominion Steel, reports being favorable to the steel company. This feeling yesterday sent the stock up to 22 1-4, but anxiety to realize profits overbalanced the strength of price and it reacted to 21 5-8, while preferred was off from 74 3-4 to 74. Word that Ogilvie is to be listed in London made that stock active at 115. Crown Reserve sold at 270. Power 108, Pacific 175 5-9, Textile 58 1-2, Dominion Coal 56, Toronto Railway 107.

Furness line steamship Rappahannock, now on her way to London from this port, took away a cargo worth $28,000. Among her cargo were 23,852 bushels of wheat.

TINGLEY SAVES A MAN'S LIFE

I. C. R. Police Inspector Was "The Man on the Spot" at Memramcook.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 4—(Special)—But for the bravery of I. C. R. police officer Tingley there is no doubt that an unknown man of sixty years of age would have met with a horrible death last evening as the Maritime Express was leaving Memramcook station.

The man in question attempted to board the train as it was leaving but missed his footing which threw him partly underneath the car. He managed, however, to retain a hold on the railing but could not raise himself to the platform. Inspector Tingley who also boarded the train at the same time, took in the situation at a glance and grasped the man by the arm but he could not lift him to safety. He held on and shortly afterward a brakeman who was passing through the train, became aware of what was taking place, stopped the train and the man was pulled from his dangerous position.

If Tingley had lost his hold on the man's arm the man would have been no doubt cut in two.

Wm. Gaudet and Jos. Gallant arrested here this morning on a charge of peddling liquor about the streets and were sentenced to one month in jail each.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Miss Margaret Donohue was held from her late home, Winslow street, West Side, at 8.30 this morning, to the Church of the Asumption, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Father O.Donovan. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery at Sand Cove.

THEY MUST GO BACK

Winnipeg, Dec. 4—(Special)—Eighteen Scotch machinists who were brought out to act as strike-breakers were deported last night at the expense of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the men having been found to be undesirable citizens.

THE EMPRESS OF IRELAND MAKES NEW RECORD ON HER FIRST TRIP OF THE SEASON

Big C. P. R. Liner Came Around from Halifax in Fourteen Hours, Beating Her Own Best Time by 30 Minutes—Col. E. J. E. Swayne, Governor of British Honduras, Among Her Passengers.

The C. P. R. royal mail steamer Empress of Ireland, J. V. Forster, R. N. R., commander, arrived in port this morning and docked at No. 2 berth, Sand Point. The steamer left Chebucto Head at the entrance to Halifax harbor at 6.30 o'clock last evening, and arrived off Partridge Island at 8.30 this morning, and docked at 9 o'clock. This constitutes a record run between St. John and Halifax—14 hours, the best previous time having been 14 1-2 hours, made by the same steamer last winter. The steamer encountered intermittant gales all the way across from Liverpool. There were strong head winds and gales from the banks, but otherwise the voyage was uneventful.

She brought 475 passengers, divided as follows:—45 saloon, 116 second cabin and 314 third cabin. Sixteen of the passengers landed at Halifax, and 122 are bound for United States points. With but few exceptions all were British and were coming out to join relatives or friends.

Following is a list of the saloon passengers:—

W. G. Ayre, C. Bateson, Mrs. Bateson, Master Bateson, Mrs. O. A. Bird, J. Fitz-Gibbon Black, C. Talbot Bovring, L. Brault, Miss Brault, P. Brennan, J. Brooks, Mrs. Brooks, Dr. Doolittle, V. d'Etchegoyen, Mrs. d'Etchegoyen, Mrs. E. M. Graham and infant, C. F. Greenwood, Mrs. Greenwood, Frank Harrison, Rev. T. Hill, Mr. Hewson, Mrs. Sampson and maid, Miles Lampson, M. V. O., and valet, G. E. Leighton, G. Lewis, Lieut. M. Maxwell-Scott, T. L. Mullally, H. Normington, W. Power, Capt. T. F. Ritchie, E. Schrieber, O. Sorby, Mrs. Sorby, Col. E. J. E. Swayne, Mrs. Swayne, and maid, G. K. Thrope, Mrs. Thrope, J. A. Turner, E. H. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, and F. H. Wilson.

The officers in addition to Commander Forster are: H. L. Waite, chief officer; W. Sampson, chief engineer; F. W. Atherton, purser; A. W. Comber, surgeon, and A. W. Gaade, chief steward. N. H. Desbrisay, of St. John, who has been acting as ticket agent on the steamer, will it is understood, be transferred to the Halifax office.

Interesting Passengers

Colonel E. J. E. Swayne, who was a passenger on the steamer, is governor of British Honduras. He is on his way to British Columbia, where he will look into the much vexed Asiatic question, with a view to relieving the Pacific province of some of its surplus Hindoos.

Col. Swayne is acting on his own initiative in the matter with the sanction and approval of the imperial and dominion governments. He will stop at Ottawa en route to the coast to confer with the dominion government so as to learn their views.

Col. Swayne proposes to take from 1,000 to 1,500 of the Hindoos to British Honduras if he can persuade them to go. The idea would be to use them there as free laborers on the banana and cocoa plantations and to give them grants of land for their own use. The colonel thinks that as the climate there is much the same as in India that they would like the country and as they need settlers and British Columbia does not want them, he hopes to be able to make an amicable arrangement whereby they could be transferred to the South American colony. It is not intended to use compulsion in any way but Colonel Swayne thinks that he, as a British officer who spent some sixteen years among the people in India, will be able to induce the Hindoos to go to Honduras. Some time ago the Indians sent delegates to report on the country and their report was favorable but since then there has been a reversion of feeling, apparently, for no more has been made in the matter. Now that winter is coming on and many of the Indians are destitute, Col. Swayne thinks he will not have much trouble in persuading them to go to the warmer climate where there will be plenty of work for them.

Colonel Swayne has been governor of British Honduras for about three years. Before that he was commissioner in Southeast Nigeria. He was some sixteen years in India where as a British officer he took about four hundred of the Hindoos to Uganda, during the mutiny and he also commanded three expeditions against the Mad Mullah. He is accompanied on his present trip by his wife and a maid.

Another interesting passenger on the Empress was Miles Lampson, M. V. O., who is en route to Tokio, Japan, via British Columbia. Mr. Lampson is connected with the diplomatic corps and goes to Japan as secretary of the embassy in Tokio. He had only been in Japan once, he said, for a period of three months. He is a comparatively young man, of fine physique and should be in marked contrast to the diminutive Japs.

The passengers left in a special train for Montreal about 11 o'clock.

DOES THIS SPELL WAR?

Dutch Warships Make Hostile Demonstration Against Venezuela.

Willemstad, Dec. 4—Three Dutch warships, the battleship Jacob Van Hemskerk, and the cruisers Friesland and Genderland, have made a demonstration against Venenezuela. Together they steamed yesterday along the Coast from Buerne Cabello to La Guaira at a distance of three thousand yards from shore to shore. The Jacob Van Hemskerk returned here this morning. The two cruisers are going to Maracaibo where they will make a similar demonstration. This news was brought to Willemstad by the battleship.

The relations between Venezuela and the Netherlands have been strained for for months past. The trouble arose directly from the expulsion from Caracas of M. De Reus, the Diplomatic Representative of Holland, and it has since been rendered acute by Venezulia's issue of a decree that practically killed the commerce of the Dutch Island of Curacao. Venezula has maintained that the Netherlands Government permitted revolutionists to conduct their operations against President Castro from Willemsted.

The South American nation has been making preparations to resist any act of hostility. The forts at La Guara, Puerto, Cabello, and Maracaibo are prepared to retaliate if Holland takes extreme measures.

PEACEFUL NIGHT IN RESTLESS CITY

No Disorder in Port Au Prince Last Night and Hope Now is That Normal Conditions Will Rapidly Restored.

Port au Prince, Dec. 4—The night passed quietly in Port au Prince. There were no disorders of any kind, and hopes are entertained that normal conditions will be rapidly restored.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3—A statement in a dispatch sent to the navy department today by Commander Shipley, of the cruiser Des Moines, that the Haytien revolutionists have been invited to enter Port au Prince, is taken to mean that the people of the city are in entire sympathy with General Simon, the head of the revolutionists. This being the case it is regarded that the immediate trouble is over. Whether General Simon will be content with the continuance in office of General Legitime, until a new president is elected, officials say is another question. To him they state, will be left the choice of the president. There are said to be half a dozen well-known persons in Hayti who are eligible for the office and who would fill it very acceptably. The contest may engender further trouble. Under ordinary conditions, the elections for president would be held in May.

Cape Haitien, Dec. 3—A number of prominent citizens are trying to form a committee of public safety but they cannot secure the indorsement of the delegate of the Port au Prince government to their proposed course of action. Followers of the various factions are at odds and outspoken in their dissatisfaction over the attitude of the governmental delegate. A number of exiles are expected here on Sunday. The soldiers in garrison here deserted and precipitated a panic for a time in this city. All the stores were closed for several hours but the usual calm was finally restored.

MME. STEINHEIL IS ON THE RACK

Paris, Dec. 4—The examination of Madame Steinheil at the Palace of Justice by Magistrate Andre was continued this morning. It is generally believed at the palace that she alone planned and executed the murder of her husband and her mother in this city last May, crimes that have thrown France into a furore of excitement because of their possible political bearing. The strictest secrecy regarding the proceedings have been maintained, but it is known that Madame Steinhill has hown remarkable coolness and self-possession under the cross-examination.

Paris, Dec. 4—The scene and the surroundings of the crime are to be reconstructed in the Steinheil residence, and Madame Steinheil will be further interrogated under these conditions. It is hoped that this will bring out a full confession.

The London county council has reduced the speed limit for motors within a four mile radius of Charing Cross to eight miles per hour.

YORK COUNTY WAS NOT WON BY PRAYER ALONE

If Conservatives Protest Col. McLean's Election Liberals of York Will Act Against Crocket.

Fredericton, N. B. Dec. 4—(Special)—Revs. David Lang, Gordon Dickie, James Ross and J. J. McCaskill, representing the St. John Presbytery are to confer with the congregation of St. Paul's in regard to having them adopt an act passed by the legislature in 1907 incorporating the Presbyterian church. The congregation at a meeting some time ago, decided to come in under the act providing certain amendments were made and the conference is being held with a view of arriving at some agreement.

Rev. Dr. Smith, the new pastor of St. Paul's will be formally inducted this evening. Rev. Gordon Dickie will preside and preach the sermon, Rev. David Lang will deliver the charge to the minister and Rev. J. J. McCaskill will address the people.

The time for filing protests against the members elected to the house of commons expires at one o'clock tomorrow. It is rumored here that the Tories of Sunbury and Queens will petition against the election of Col. McLean. Allan B. Wilmot, son of the defeated Tory candidate, was here today but when asked for information said he knew nothing about any protest. Should the Tories protest the election of Col. McLean it is generally understood that the Liberals of York will file a petition against the return of Mr. Crocket as they have evidence to show that the election here was not won by prayers.

The ice in the river here is now strong enough to enable people to cross on foot.

PORTLAND ME. HAS BAD FIRE

Grand Trunk Elevators Had Narrow Escape From Destruction Early Today—Two Docks Burned.

Portland, Me., Dec. 4—Portland's fourth large fire within a year occurred early today, when two of the eight docks of the Grand Trunk Railway Company were destroyed, together with three sheds and their contents, with a total damage estimated at upwards of $150,000. The two great elevators of the Grand Trunk Elevator Company were threatened, but the sheathing of iron which covered them prevented the flames getting a foothold. Th steamer Cornishman, of the Dominion line, which was loading a cargo for Liverpool, was invaded by the sparks and a large quantity of cattle hay, etc., was destroyed, but the steamer sustained no damage.

LATER.

Portland, Me., Dec. 4—The spreading of the fire in the steamship Cornishman during the morning increased the loss by $200,000, the total damage being estimated at approximately $350,000. It was reported that the Cornishman was in danger of sinking.

MANITOBA LIBERALS WILL FIGHT TO THE FINISH

They Will Protest Every Seat in That Province Claimed by the Conservatives.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 4 (Special)—The Liberals have decided to protest every seat claimed by the Conservatives in Manitoba and will fight to the finish. Petitions will be filed today.

Viden, Man., Dec. 4 —(Special) — The Conservative convention yesterday nominated H. C. Simpson to fill the vacancy in the legislature caused by the death of Hon. J. H. Agnew.

SENTENCE COMMUTED

Negro Murderer Who Was to be Hanged Today Has Sentence Changed to Life Imprisonment.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 4—Robert Hocker negro, sentenced to hang today at Lexington, obtained commutation to life imprisonment by the act of Governor Willson yesterday. Hocker arived at the state penitentiary here last night, being rushed from Lexington by Sheriff McElroy and deputies in an automobile in order to avoid possible violence as much feeling was aroused by the governor's action. Hocker shot Newton Veal, a prominent farmer to death. Governor Willson says in commuting the sentence, that he was satisfied that the entire story was not told at the trial.

SIXTY FAMILIES LOSE THEIR HOMES

Fire in Centralia, Pa., Causes Much Distress and Suffering.

Centralia, Pa., Dec. 4—Sixty families are homeless in this city as the result of a fire which wiped out three squares of property in the heart of the town. The fire started last night in a building occupied by a moving picture show and spread rapidly among the frame houses. Citizens of the town have made temporary arrangements for the care of the families.

DRAWING RULES FOR WAR GAME

Conference of Powers to Frame Rules for Naval Warfare Opens in London Today.

London, Dec. 4—The conference of the powers called by Great Britain for the framing of a code of laws for naval warfare and for the formation of the international prize court, recommended by the Hague Congress, was opened at the Foreign Office today. With an interval for the Christmas holidays, it is expected that the conference will continue until Feb. 1. At the request of the British government the powers which accepted invitations to the conference have forwarded a list of subjects they consider should be discussed.

The United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Spain, Holland and Japan will be represented. The American delegates are Rear-Admiral Charles Stockton and Prof. Gratton Wilson, of Brown University, Commander John H. Gibbons, naval attache at the London embassy will act as aide; Great Britain will be represented by the Earl of Desart and Captain Charles L. Ottley, director of naval intelligence, and secretary of committee of Imperial Defence.

An address of welcome was delivered by Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Gray. At the suggestion of Germany the powers have submitted their views on various points. Great Britain, Japan and the United States are agreed in principle at least on the most important proposals.

MONKEYS, BEAR AND CATS BURNED TO DEATH TODAY

Montreal, Dec. 4 — (Special) — Six monkeys, a black bear and several cats were burned to death in a fire here this morning. A blaze started in a quick lunch on St. Lawrence Main street, and spread to an animal show next door, where the animals were cremated. The monetary loss is not great.

Horace Black of the G. T. P. staff went east at noon.

Stanley L. Elkin was a passenger to the city on today's Boston train.

WRECKAGE REMOVED AND ONE TRACK IS NOW CLEAR

Debris From Last Night's Train Wreck is Cleared Away and Trains Are Moving as Usual.

The main line track, on which the mail, baggage and passenger coaches were upset in last night's wreck in the Island yard, have been restored and traffic was resumed this morning. The other main line track, which is a part of the double track system, is still blocked by the wrecked engine, but it will be cleared today.

The wrecking train from Moncton arrived at the scene at 11 o'clock last night, and had the line cleared at 7 o'clock this morning. Trains now pass by the locomotive, as it has been found easier to clear the track on which the wrecked cars were thrown than that on which the locomotive lies. The mail and the C.P.R. baggage and express, which toppled over, have been taken off to one side, and the I. C. R. baggage and I. C. R. colonist and C. P. R. second class cars which left the rails have been put on again. The track then was repaired, and the train pulled into the yard.

The south track on which the locomotive lies almost overturned, and which was completely demolished, has been repaired to within a short distance of the locomotive, and a big crane is to be used to lift the boiler, and a shunter, on the other side, will pull it around in position, when it will be taken to Moncton with the tender. The wrecked cars will be replaced on trucks and taken to Moncton also.

The first train to go over the line this morning was the Halifax train, which is due here at 6.25; arriving at 7.15.

It has not yet been determined what caused the accident. An inspection was made this morning by District Superintendent J. T. Hallisey, Terminal Agent Ross, and T. C. Burpee, engineer of maintenance of way. A reason that is held generally is that of a defective or fouled frog. In spite of reports to the contrary the train was not going at a high rate of speed but was making but 20 miles an hour.

Officials of the I. C. R. state that had there been a wrecking train here the road could have been cleared in an hour.

As the vote for such has been placed in the estimates St. John will soon be equipped with a splendid wrecking train.

AGENT PARSONS ON STAND IN HALIFAX THIS MORNING

Very Little New Evidence Was Brought Out at Today's Session of the Marine Enquiry.

Halifax, N. S. Dec. 4—Special)—On the opening of the marine enquiry today W. S. Davidson's cheques again engaged the attention of the examiner, Mr. Watson, the latter remarking that the cheques had been found.

J. A. Dunn testified that Captain Johnson, of the Lady Laurier, had received a bill fourteen times before payment.

S. M. Brookfield, a partner in the Halifax Salvage Company, was called. He knew of no payments to Captain Johnson on account of the Hestia. With respect to the Mount Temple, he was in England at the time and had supposed payments in that connection were to the department, not to Captain Johnson.

W. A. Black only knew of the one payment of $550 to Captain Johnson. Mr. Black voluntarily produced books, cheques and vouchers.

George S. Campbell knew of the $400 payment in the case of the Mount Temple. Mr. Campbell explained that it was customary to pay the captain of ships assisting in salvage operations.

Jonathan Parsons, agent of the marine and fisheries department, was the next witness called. He was aware that in October, 1908, the dock yard staff was augmented by nearly one hundred men. The election was not fully responsible therefor. Work had been left which should have been done before. He received his instructions from the deputy minister and also from Mr. Roche, who had the patronage and if all were not needed, recommended who should go on. During his term as agent he had conferred with the department with respect to orders. If they refused assent he bowed to their decision. The 15 scout gas buoys which cost $45,000, received by the department here were unsolicited by Mr. Parsons. They were stored in the yard, but at "this end," they did not know what use to make of them. He protested against the buoys being made a charge against the department.

Mr. Parsons, asked in regard to the $72,316 spent in three years on the Lady Laurier, said the repairs were made on recommendation of the proper officials. He assumed official responsibility for them. The Lady Laurier went into service four or five years ago. She cost about $170,000, and $100,000 had been spent in three years on repairs. Mr. Parsons did not think the charges extraordinary as the Lady Laurier was a working ship in constant use.

Mr. Parsons said that a new engine for the Aberdeen had cost $56,000 in Toronto. He was asked by Mr. Watson if some articles charged for were not missing. He said he had heard this. Most of the work was done without contract. Mr. Parsons said it was not a fact that a large amount of money was spent needlessly for provisions.

There had been waste, but when he had protested to the deputy minister and Commander Spain about the men on the steamers having fruit out of season and other luxuries, Col. Gordeau had said:—"Let her rip." This was in 1898. The waste had gone on, very much against the will of Mr. Parsons. As a matter of policy, he had not spoken to the members on the subject. He denied that it was the practice for members to recommend the purchase of suplies. When members had preferred requests about purchases they were generally granted.

Asked if he knew of Captain Johnson receiving money in connection with the Mount Temple, he said he had not known of it till the investigation.

Mr. Watson showed that the number of men employed in the dockyard in November in the three years was 27, 70 and 162 respectively.

A. deB. Tremaine, accountant at the M. & F. department testified concerning the operation of the agency and the court adjourned till the afternoon.

HON. F. J. SWEENEY GIVES A DENIAL TO MAXWELL'S CHARGES

Ex-Surveyor General Talks of Statements Made by St. John Member in Woodstock Speech

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 4 (Special)—"The St. John Globe's report of Mr. Maxwell's speech is the first intimation that I had of any mismanagement under my regime as surveyor general," said Hon. F. J. Sweeney here today, when interviewed in regard to the charges made by Mr. Maxwell in an address at Woodstock.

"Considering that I did not assume office until about the beginning of 1905," continued Hon. Mr. Sweeney, "there would only be about one year of the period Mr. Maxwell mentions in which I had control of the department. That would be from 1905 to 1906. As Mr. Maxwell has not mentioned any specific instance of wrong-doing in that time, I am at a loss to know to what he refers, or what authority he has for making the somewhat remarkable statement which is credited to him.

"I think it will suffice to state that Mr. Maxwell's statement so far as I am concerned, is absolutely without foundation. In fairness to the old government, Mr. Maxwell should have quoted the statement of the late Mr. Flewelling in reference to the late government and his defalcations.

"During the time I was surveyor general the stumpage returns from crown lands were constantly increased until they reached the highest point in the history of the province. In many instances, difficulty was encountered in arriving at the exact amount of stumpage, but we were not governed entirely by the scalers' returns, but had, in addition, an estimate from independent sources of the probable cut on crown lands of the different operators. In some instances we found it necessary to dismiss scalers or to change their districts. In many cases we had investigations under oath, and I feel warranted in saying that in almost all cases we got a fairly accurate return of stumpage.

"We resisted the demands of the lumbermen to reduce the size of the tree cut, in order to preserve until maturity the growing timber, with the object of conserving for all time our forest wealth. There were many instances, however, and many localities, where a permit was given to cut undersized lumber, but this permit was only granted after an investigation and a report as to conditions.

"As regards the policy of the old government with regard to forest lands and other forest reserves, I can do no better than to refer you to the Surveyor General's report for the year ending October 31st, 1907, and to the paper published in the appendix by the surveyor general on the public domain of New Brunswick."

IMPORTANT DECISION FOR INTERCOLONIAL EMPLOYES

Supreme Court Decides They Can Recover Damages for Injuries Even When Received While on Duty.

Ottawa, Dec. 4 (Special)—The judgment of the supreme court this week affirming the judgment of the late Judge Burbidge in the case of appeal of the King vs Desrosiers affirms an important principle in railway law. The respondent was the widow of a brakesman on the Intercolonial who was killed while coupling cars near Quebec. He was a member of the Intercolonial Employes' Benevolent Society and the government held that by reason of the railway department's contribution of $6,000 to the funds of the society the man had signed away his right for his heirs to sue for damages and that all the widow was entitled to was $250.

Judge Burbidge taking the British and Canadian decisions as his basis dismissed this plea and awarded the widow $4,000.

This judgment was appealed from and as a consequence the government is now placed in the same position as other railways, namely that employes are not debarred from suing for damages, even if they are injured in performance of their duties.

STANDARD OIL CO. TURNS NEW LEAF

Findlay, Ohio, Dec. 4.—Standard Oil Company prosecutions in Hancock County came to a sudden termination today when at the request of Prosecuting Attorney David, all the indictments against the company were nulled. Judge Duncan made the entry.

Prosecutor David's action resulted from the fact that the alleged illegal practices, which he sought to correct, have, it is declared, all been eliminated, and further, that suits against the Standard are now being prosecuted by the attorney general of United States, the attorney general of Ohio and the federal courts of Missouri.

Rev. R. G. Fulton, grand master of the Loyal Orange Association went east at non today.

Edinburgh, Scot., is to have 100 taxicabs. Many of them are now at work.

FRENCH PSYCHIC BELIEVES WE MAY ONE DAY SEE SPIRITS

According to Fournier D'Albe Our "Psychomeres" or "Soul Bodies" May be Made Visible as Science Progresses.

New York, Dec. 4—A special London cable to the Times announces the evolving of a new theory of life after death by Fournier D'Albe, secretary of the Dublin Society for Pyschical research. D'Albe believes that the soul is an aggregation of "psychomeres," or soul particles, inhabiting the individual cells of the human body.

"These psychomeres," he says, "are probably opaque to ultra-violet light and therefore, may some day be made visible by more powerful optical means than we at present possess. They will then be weighed and measured also. Their weight will probably be found to be about one thousandth part of the weight of the human body."

After death O'Albe's "psychomeres" unite to form the "soul body,' and are from their nature suited to the environment of the earth's atmosphere, in which, he believes, they float. They have consciousness and power of locomotion or energy, which, as it must be derived from some source, is probably obtained from the ultra-violet rays of the human.

D'Albe argued that as "The soul body" subsiste on sun rays, it requires no digestive organs and has no need to struggle as a material body does for food.

CRUSHED TO DEATH IN A SYDNEY MILL

Murdock Macdonald Fatally Injured in the Steel Works This Morning.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 4—(Special)—Murdock Macdonald was fatally injured at the rod mill of the steel plant this morning. Immediately after the accident the unfortunate man was taken to the hospital but died on the way. The deceased was bending over the rollers and must have slipped as he fell and was crushed between the revolving machinery.

The S. S. Empress of Britain was reported 35 miles west of Innistrahull at four o'clock this morning.

SHOT IN THE BACK IN A LONELY HUT

Prescott, Ariz., Dec. b—Frank Spence, charged with murdering Edgar R. Sullivan on Oct. 22, was yesterday found guilty of murder in the first degree and given the death penalty. According to the evidence offered at the trial Spence crept up to the door of the lonely ranch hut, and shot his victim from behind.

All the local schools in Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland, have been closed, owing to an outbreak of measles.