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FAVORS DREDGING OF ST. JOHN HARBOR

Hon. Mr. Fisher Recommends Cabinet to Do Necessary Work

Government Will Either Buy a Dredge or Send One of Their Own—Five G. T. P. Contracts Awarded at a Cost of About \$13,000,000 or \$30,000 Per Mile—Central Route Through New Brunswick About Certain.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Hon. Sydney Fisher has reported to the cabinet in favor of the necessary dredging at St. John. He left for discussion the question as to whether the work was to be done by getting a contractor to do it or the government buying a dredge and carrying it on by the department. The latter course will likely be pursued.

Contracts for the construction of five sections, comprising 457 miles of the National Transcontinental Railway, were awarded today by the dominion government.

The report of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission on the different tenders for this work was laid before the cabinet today by the minister of railways. This report recommended that in each case the lowest tender be accepted. This has been done. The result is that the Grand Trunk Pacific will get the building of three of the sections, and two Ottawa firms have received the other two.

Awards Public Today. The awards will not be given out officially until tomorrow but it is understood that they are as follows:

No. 1.—From Moncton west 50 miles, to a point near Chipman—Grand Trunk Pacific.

No. 2.—Grand Falls (N. B.), west to the Quebec boundary, about 62 miles.

No. 3.—From Quebec Bridge east to the New Brunswick boundary, about 150 miles—M. P. & J. T. Davis, of Ottawa. This is one of the largest of the five contracts.

There was a cash deposit as a guarantee of \$225,000.

No. 4.—From La Tuque, Quebec, west to Weymouth, about 45 miles—Grand Trunk Pacific.

No. 5.—From a point eight miles west of Abitibi River easterly about 150 miles—Grand Trunk Pacific.

Cost About \$13,000,000. The cost of the work according to the accepted tenders, will be about \$13,000,000. This means that the work will amount to a little more than \$30,000 a mile for the 457 miles.

There are now under construction on the government portion of the Transcontinental 303 miles, which, added to the 457 miles awarded today, makes 852. This is nearly the half of the line between Moncton and Winnipeg.

Central Route Almost Certain. In connection with the section between Chipman and Grand Falls in New Brunswick the route has not yet been definitely decided upon by the commission, but there is no doubt the report of the resident engineer, which is in favor of the centre route, will be accepted by the commission and the government.

In this connection it is pointed out that the statute calls for the most central route through the province easterly. The St. John valley route would not be a central line. But apart from the statute the transportation engineers have been able to discover a shorter and a cheaper route with the standard grade through the centre of the province than was to be found by the St. John river valley.

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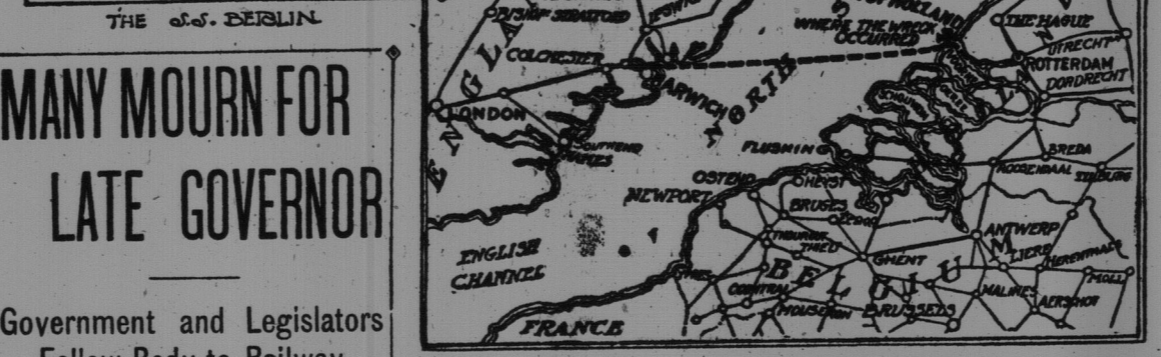
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LOST BRITISH STEAMSHIP AND SCENE OF LATEST SEA HORROR



From the map it will be seen the course of the Channel steamer from Harwich to Hook of Holland, where she met disaster within a few rods of her pier. 141 lives were lost.

MRS. THAW'S ORDEAL IS NEARLY FINISHED

Jerome Plied Young Woman With Many Embarrassing Questions in All-day Session Monday, But She Showed a Brave Front—Notorious Abe Hummel to Testify About Affidavit Former Show Girl Made Against Her Now Husband.

New York, Feb. 25.—Except for one brief moment, Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw had a decidedly easy day of it today, in the continuation of her cross-examination by District Attorney Jerome. When adjournment was taken the prosecutor announced that he had practically concluded with the witness. Mrs. Thaw will be temporarily excused tomorrow morning to enable Mr. Jerome to introduce Abraham Hummel to identify a photographic copy of the affidavit Evelyn Nesbit is alleged to have signed and which charges Thaw with many crimes during their 1903 trip to Europe. The district attorney got the contents of the affidavit before the jury by reading certain of its statements in the form of questions, and asking Mrs. Thaw if she told such things to Mr. Hummel. In each instance she declared she had not. She also denied ever having signed such an affidavit, admitting that she had, however, signed some papers for White in the Madison Square tower, of whose nature she was not aware.

NAMES MENTIONED FOR GOVERNOR

Premier Tweedie, Senators King and Ellis, Also ex-Governor McLellan, Talked Of at Ottawa.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The government will have to appoint a new lieutenant governor for New Brunswick at once because the legislature is in session and an administrator cannot act where there is no governor. Several names have been mentioned here. There are for instance, Premier Tweedie, Senator King, A. R. McLellan and Senator Ellis, spoken of, but of course the matter has not yet been discussed by the government.

EX-SENATOR BROWN SLAYER, ARRAIGNED, PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Washington, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, indicted for murder in the first degree for the alleged killing of former Senator Arthur M. Brown, of Utah, was arraigned before Judge Ford in the criminal court here today and pleaded not guilty.

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HARRIMAN TELLS OF ENORMOUS DEALS

Refuses, However, to Give Commission Some Information They Ask For

Matter Will Be Taken to Supreme Court to Settle—Railway Czar Admits Buying \$131,000,000 Worth of Stocks in Other Roads Since Last July—He is Charged With Inflating Alton Company Many Millions After Getting Control.

New York, Feb. 25.—E. H. Harriman, master of the Union Pacific system, spent today in a recital of portions of the intimate history of the financial operations of himself and his associates before the interstate commerce commission which, in behalf of the United States government is investigating consolidations and combinations of carriers, relations between carriers and community of interest therein, their rates, facilities and practices.

Special counsel for the government made particular attacks upon the reorganization and financing of the Chicago & Alton Railroad by the Harriman syndicate, and their action with a challenge by counsel to inquire into the private transactions of an individual, constituted the two important events of the day's proceedings. By direction of counsel, Mr. Harriman declined to tell what proportion of the preferred stock of the Alton sold to the Union Pacific, belonged to him individually, and the way was paved for taking the question into the federal courts.

The point raised involves a material limitation upon the inquisitorial power of the commission. Anticipation of sensational testimony from Mr. Harriman, and sharp encounters between Mr. Harriman and special counsel for the government, failed of realization. There was an effort to show by Harriman's testimony and the records of the company that there had been an enormous inflation of the stock securities and liabilities of the Alton, that the Harriman syndicate had taken unfair profits by declaring a dividend of 30 percent from the proceeds from the first sale of bonds amounting to \$40,000,000, that the syndicate had sold itself the bonds at an unreasonably low price only to re-sell them at enormous profits; that the Harriman syndicate had a dividend of 30 percent from the proceeds from the Alton capitalized the losses of former stockholders in the road, and the money which had been spent by the old management for betterment over a period of ten years and already charged to operating expenses; that the books of the company had been doctored and that for an increase of the stock and liabilities from roughly \$40,000,000 to about \$116,000,000, there was nothing to show except an expenditure of \$22,000,000 for improvements on the property.

Harriman Denies Charges. Mr. Harriman's testimony was a denial of all these charges and toward the close of the afternoon he made an extended explanation and defense of the entire transaction, which he contended was fully justified by the conditions and circumstances of the time and which he asserted had been conducted entirely in the open. Harriman's examination lasted for five hours and it went to the end in good spirit unmarked by acrimony. The witness throughout the entire day declined to be led into an attempt to explain the details of the Alton operations and constantly referred his questioners to the record of the Alton Company.

Commissioners Knapp, Clements, Smith and Prouty presided and at the conclusion of the day's proceedings Mr. Harriman and C. A. Severance for the government, and John G. Milburn, R. S. Lovett, Paul D. Gray and Maxwell D. Ewart of the railroads and members of the Harriman syndicate. The testimony of Mr. Harriman began with the issuance of 100,000,000 of convertible bonds by the Union Pacific for the purpose, primarily, of paying for the Southern Pacific in 1901, and then led through the purchase in connection with the Oregon Short Line of the Northern Pacific stock.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT LONDONDERRY

Store, Stock and Dwelling of Gordon Jobb Destroyed—Loss \$6,000 and Insurance \$2,600.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Halifax, N. S., Feb. 25.—On Sunday Jobb broke out in the store of Gordon Jobb, Londonderry, which destroyed the store and double dwelling house above it. Mr. Jobb is a heavy loser. The value of the store and stock being \$6,000, with only \$2,600 insurance, \$1,000 in the Ottawa Fire Insurance Company; \$800 in the New York Underwriters, and \$800 in the Norwich Union.

Wallace Kemp and Charles McGee in the same building lost everything but no insurance. The fire was practically confined to the one building, one or two others being slightly scorched. In one of the adjoining houses a woman was ill with pneumonia and had to be carried on her bed to the house of her daughter.

Suit to Stop Belmont Tunnel. New York, Feb. 25.—New York city has begun a suit to restrain the Belmont Company from continuing the work on the Belmont tunnel under the East River and to have their franchise declared forfeited on the ground that the company did not have the tunnel in operation on Jan. 1, 1907. The summons and complaint have been served on the New York and Long Island Railroad Company.

ROOSEVELT RECEIVES AMBASSADOR BRYCE



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Washington, Feb. 25.—James Bryce, British ambassador to the United States, presented his credentials to President Roosevelt today.

After being introduced Mr. Bryce said in part: "Mr. President, I have the honor, by command of the king, my august sovereign, to deliver to you a letter accrediting me as his ambassador to the United States of America."

"When he entrusted to me this high mission his majesty directed me to assure you of his earnest wish that the cordial relations which happily exist between Great Britain and the United States should be maintained and strengthened; and has impressed upon me the duty of doing whatever may be in my power for the attainment of this end."

"It has been my good fortune to be associated with so bountiful a hand. Observing how much they have in common with the nation from which I come and how similar are many of the problems which lie be-

MANY MOURN FOR LATE GOVERNOR

Government and Legislators Follow Body to Railway Station

FUNERAL THURSDAY

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The names of Speaker Robinson and C. J. Osman, M. P. P., are mentioned in connection with the position of provincial secretary.

The worst snow storm of the season followed in the wake of yesterday's cold snap. Upwards of a foot of snow fell on the city and the country roads are reported to be badly blocked. There has been considerable interruption to traffic on the railways in this section, all trains being delayed. This evening's train from St. John was nearly two hours late.

John Sullivan captured the prize in the weekly roll off at the Queen Hotel bowling alley this evening.

A contingent of New Brunswick guides from the Tobique and Miramichi sections will leave tomorrow for New York to attend the sportsmen's show. A splendid exhibit, which includes mounted specimens of moose, caribou and deer and a log cabin was forwarded to New York on Saturday evening.

Rev. J. W. McConnell lectured to a good sized audience this evening on his travels in Canada.

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\$800,000 PLANT BURNED AT NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 25.—The plant of the Acker Process Company was destroyed by fire this afternoon.

Henry S. Fairchild, an electrician, was caught under a falling wall and killed. Buffalo firemen came down with two engines but the fire was out when they reached here. Several cables from the power houses were torn down by falling walls. The loss is \$800,000. The company manufactured bleaching powder, caustic soda, tin oxide and other products.

Declines to Answer. Mr. Milburn said the policy of his clients, himself and his associates was to be as liberal as possible, but he must deny that this question was within the scope of interstate commerce, wide though that proposition be. It was purely a private matter.

He said he wanted to raise the question in a general way this time because it would arise often during the inquiry. He asked that the inquiry be limited to interstate transactions.

FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

THE BORDER TOWNS.

St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 26.—On Friday afternoon of last week Mr. Frederick M. Murdoch and Miss Robert Murchie were hostesses at a charming at home...

FRY FRIENDS VERY PLEASANTLY AT WHIST

Mrs. Herculie Wilbur of Moncton, is the guest of Miss Webster, "Riverside," at her home on Wednesday...

HAMPTON

Hampton, Kings Co., Feb. 21.—Mr. William Ritchie, of St. John, came to Hampton, Tuesday, to make arrangements for the renting of his property on Main street...

SACKVILLE

Sackville, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Geo. Dobson, Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Wm. W. Fawcett, Upper Sackville...

SUSSEX

Sussex, Feb. 21.—Mr. W. H. Wallace and Mrs. Gordon and Harold Wallace have been in Sussex...

CHATHAM

Chatham, Feb. 23.—On Thursday D. P. MacLachlan was hostess at a much enjoyed table party...

WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, Feb. 20.—Mrs. C. E. Sander was hostess at an Indian tea on Monday afternoon for the members of the Greater Literary Society...

ST. MARTINS

St. Martins, Feb. 22.—On Friday evening, in the vestry of the Baptist Church, ladies of the Baptist Sewing Circle...

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Miss Bessie Pridham is visiting friends at Tidnish.

R. B. H. Davison is in Ottawa on a business trip.

Judge Patterson returned to his home in New Glasgow on Tuesday.

Mrs. A. E. Johnston gave a very pleasant 5 o'clock tea to a number of her friends on Saturday.

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DIS. ATTY. JEROME GRAM-EXAMINING MRS. HARRY K. THAW

LAURIER FAVORS HUDSON BAY ROAD

Government Now Considering Project--No Company Has Been Willing to Claim Big Subsidy Offered -- Western Members Strong for the New Railway -- Would Be a Port in Wartime Says One.

Ottawa, Feb. 27--When the house moved into supply by the premier today, Dr. Thompson of the Yukon, laid on the table a small bag of wheat which was grown in the Yukon Territory in latitude 63. He said the wheat was equal to anything grown in the Northwest. Wheat has been growing there for five years and was not touched with frost. The house cheered this loudly.

Mr. Knowles, West Assiniboia, moved that the construction of a railway to the shores of Hudson Bay was urgently necessary. One of the great reasons for this was the lack of transportation facilities.

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NEWCASTLE.

Newcastle, Feb. 27--The town council met last night. It was resolved to notify the new police magistrate, R. L. Matley, that he was expected to collect his statutory fees rather than have a salary from the town.

The police committee reported that last month there were six Scott Act convictions and one case dismissed. The six convictions were against three hotels. There were also five cases of drunkenness and the expenses had been \$33.50.

Police and light \$1,750
Park and fire \$1,300
Public works 1,900
Contingencies 2,000
Sinking fund 700
Interest 2,840
Board of health 500

An increase of about 20 per cent on last year.

W. J. Green won the ink well donated by John Robinson at the Mirmichin bowling rink. Score: Green, 54; Bert Miller, 43.

Station Master I. B. Humphrey is ill and R. D. Smith is at present in charge. The Northumberland Street Chapter have installed the following officers for the ensuing year: W. J. Sutherland, W. G. C. Hill, V. C. N. E. Coughlan, chaplain; E. O'Donnell, treasurer; W. Corbett, scribe; G. T. Bethune, H. N. at A.; W. S. Greenly, I. H.; Thos. Russell, O. H.

Miss Donald, of Blackville, has removed here to accept a position with the Lounsbury Company.

Mrs. J. S. Macdonald has removed here from Sydney.

Mrs. Wilfrid Reid, of Boston, is visiting Mrs. Benj. Reid, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy, of North Dakota, are visiting in Red Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Foran returned this week to their home at Lamouré (N. D.).

Mr. MacLean, after a six weeks' visit to his parents here, returned last night to Brandon (Man.).

Rev. E. Martin have gone to Quebec. T. M. Burns, M. P. P., J. Young and J. Poliner went to Fredericton last week.

Rev. Mr. McCully, who has been ill with pneumonia, is recovering.

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HAPPY TIME AT 100TH BIRTHDAY

Francis Harvey of Lombard Street Receives Present of Easy Chair

Large Gathering of Relatives and Friends to Do Him Honor--Four Generations of the Family Represented--He Jokes as the Chair is Presented to Him.

"Little of all we value here. Wakes on the morrow of his hundredth year. Without both feeling and looking queer."

This is the sentiment expressed by Poet Holmes in the One-Hoss Shay, but Monday evening Francis Harvey, who lives with his daughter, Mrs. Helley V. Jenner, at 71 Lombard street, having attained the age of 100 years did not appear unusual.

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NO COMPROMISE, SAYS VATICAN

Paris, Feb. 24--The clerical organ unite in declaring that Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris, will not submit to the conditions as to leases, and their Rome despatches categorically insist that Pope Pius is resolved to maintain integrally the original text offered by the French episcopate and to refuse even to discuss the government's exceptions relative to the liability of parish priests for the church property.

Nothing very terrible, the premier replied. "I think we will return to the solution previously contemplated. The churches will remain open, that goes without saying, and it is conceded, without any agreement as to leases, what will go no further in the matter of concession. The republican majority in the chamber of deputies would not endorse the terms of agreement as to leases, but the Minister of Education Briand did not think the cabinet unanimously acceded him a chance to conclude the negotiations upon the terms stated."

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Grain Yield Double in Two Years

There was an increase in the grain yield from 110,000,000 bushels in 1904 to 198,000,000 in 1906. In two years more the yield would be doubled or about 490,000,000 bushels.

Mr. Cash (MacKenzie) spoke of the great benefits that would accrue from the construction of the Hudson Bay road. Yorkton was as near Churchill as it was Fort William.

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WOLFVILLE.

Wolfville, N. S., Feb. 23--Three wells are being bored for oil at Walton, near Windsor.

Mrs. Davidson, of Vancouver, is the guest of Mrs. George Johnson, Wolfville.

Harry Tate, teller in the Union Bank agency at Windsor, has been transferred to the bank's agency at Glace Bay.

Nine cases of alleged Scott Act violation were up for trial in Yarmouth last week. Owing to lack of evidence there were no convictions.

More than 150 farmers in Kings county have applied for farm help through Adjutant Jennings of the Salvation Army, Halifax.

James J. Wallis, late manager of the Bridge-Town Monitor and Bear River Telephone, has assigned to Edwin L. Fisher, official assignee for Annapolis county.

ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 21--The funeral of Edward Fitzmaurice took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

An epidemic of measles is prevalent in the schools of lower grade.

A coal famine is in sight on both sides of the river. The coal dealers are practically holed up.

The "Twists" polo team were defeated last night by the Casino team, score 2 to 5. The teams had tied at regular time for playing on snow.

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MORRIS WOOD WINS; MAKES NEW RECORD

New York, Feb. 23--Morris Wood, the amateur champion, established a new world's record and won every event at the Saratoga rink in Brooklyn.

Competing against a field of the fastest skaters in this country and Canada, including Edmund Lamy, who won two world championships in Pittsburgh last week, and Fred Logan of St. John (N. B.), who won several championships at Saratoga last winter, Wood skated a half mile in 1:16.45, lowering the record made by John Nelson in 1886 by three and three-fifths seconds.

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SHILOH

This remedy should be in every household.

NO UNWRITTEN LAW IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Feb. 25--Judge Martin in the criminal court here today during the trial of a negro on the charge of attempting to kill another negro, refused to permit the introduction of evidence which would show the prisoner's action was prompted because he claimed that the other negro had stolen the affection of his wife.

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WINDSOR, N. S., MAN FOUND DEAD IN BOSTON HOTEL

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FORESTRY PLANS The Forestry Convention has presented to the provincial government an extensive series of recommendations, the acceptance of which would be of immense benefit to New Brunswick.

There will be, we are convinced, general approval of the advice that a chair of forestry be established at the University and that arrangements be made for short courses throughout the province.

To plan and have in force by May next an adequate system of protection against forest fires would mean no little work, but we must hope it will be done, and not later than the fall taken by the year.

There will be, no doubt, considerable discussion over the prohibition to prohibit the exportation of pulp wood and saw logs. It is contended with some force that such legislation would strike at a considerable number of persons whose energies could not so profitably be directed to other pursuits.

MR. FOWLER'S FUTURE Judging by the remarks of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. R. L. Borden, Mr. Bourassa and others yesterday Mr. Fowler of Kings will be compelled either to justify his recent reference to wine, women and graft or to retire from public life.

But it is the simple truth that this habitual feeling of confidence in the integrity of an Opposition has been shaken late in the case of that which now sits to the left of the Speaker.

last word in the case, they must be content to be judged as a party which does not hope to establish its purity by a full examination of the facts, but which thinks to keep the facts hidden by holding a threat over the Ministers of a counter-exposure.

As for the Ministers, they are in a position where silence is impossible. Their private lives have been impugned. It has been intimated that, were the real cause of the indisposition of certain members of the Government exposed, it would be found to be disgraceful. They have been, as a class, coupled with a threat of exposure with regard to "women, wine and graft."

The Toronto Globe (Lib.) says in part: "The Commons yesterday Mr. Geo. Fowler, the member for Kings, New Brunswick, after making unwarranted insinuations against the motives actuating Mr. Ralph Smith in his attitude on the labor disputes bill, was himself twitted about the facts brought out in the insurance investigation concerning his dealings with Mr. Foster and others in western lands."

Mr. Borden was absent from his place, and Mr. Foster was leading the Opposition. Not only did he not indicate a better example, but, on the contrary, he was heard encouraging the member from Kings when the chair objected to such expressions as "curs" which the refined Mr. Fowler was casting at his fellow members.

It seems to be agreed, then, that at some future time during the present session this matter shall be the subject of rigid inquiry. The future of Mr. Fowler, until that inquiry has been completed, will be the subject of considerable speculation.

A NEW TRIAL It is the unanimous opinion of the Supreme Court that Thomas Collins is entitled to a new trial because Judge Gregory "directed the jury that certain alleged facts were absolutely proved, which should have been left to the jury to decide."

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But possibly this view may be carried to extremes and so produce a reaction. Let us take, for example, the case of Rev. George Jackson, of a Methodist church in Toronto, who asserts that some of those who attend his services placed money in the collection plate, while others appear to mistake the church for a club.

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COLLINS WILL NOT HANG ON APRIL 25

The Full Bench Grants a New Trial

All of Them Concur That Judge Gregory's Charge Was Too Strong Against the Prisoner.

Fredrickson, Feb. 22—Thomas Collins, now under sentence of death at Hopewell Cape for the murder of Mary Ann McAulay at New Ireland in August last, will not go to the gallows on April 25, the supreme court having this afternoon granted him a new trial. Judgment was delivered on points reserved by Judge Gregory, the trial judge, and was unanimous.

The judgment of the court was delivered by Chief Justice Tuck, who explained that the case has been argued on only one of the three points reserved by the trial judge. "Was there error in assuming that the prisoner had the axe in his hands at the committing of the theft and generally directing the jury from that standpoint?" After making some quotations from the charge, the chief justice said: "There was no direct evidence that Collins committed the crime. It depended wholly upon circumstantial evidence from which the jury might have been asked to say whether the prisoner was guilty or not guilty."

In answer to the second question I say that there was error; that the learned judge directed the jury that certain alleged facts were absolutely proved, which should have been left to the jury to decide. These points were material and really vital as bearing on the innocence or guilt of the prisoner. Anyone who comes to no other conclusion than that it shows marked ability on his part; that he had given all the circumstances of the case careful thought with an earnest desire that the jury should arrive at a correct conclusion. Looking at the charge in its entirety one may reasonably conclude that it is a powerful one on the crown side as to the prisoner's guilt. But the question under consideration is not whether or not the prisoner is guilty but rather was he found so on a proper charge.

More About Mr. Fowler (Montreal Star.) Mr. Fowler will be willing to wait until the report of the Insurance Commission comes down. His threat seems to have been made for the purpose of frightening the Liberals into silence with regard to the part his hand deals will play in that report. There is nothing to indicate that he wishes to speak unless he is "attacked." But what he says is that, if his private affairs are discussed in Parliament, he will bring out his "data" and assail "others" who "live in glass houses"—he will discuss "the character" of Liberal Ministers and Liberal members "and their connection with wine and graft."

Canada's Emblem When the white frost lies on the topmost rail which fences the fold where the sheep are fed. When the stems of the purple fire weed fall, And the bracken, losing its russet red, Takes the livid hue of the clouds overhead; When the feet of the Ghost from the west North grow In the sullen pines where the wolves are bred. In gold and in crimson the Maple grows. When under the stars, on an unseen trail, The hosts of the chamber now here speed; When the old folk die, and the young folk all, And the homing cattle, by instinct led, Come wandering down to the rancher's stead. When the old year draws to a dreary close, And the hearts of men are oppressed by dread. In gold and in crimson the Maple grows. When the rainstorms thresh with plumes Fall, The last faint flowers in the garden bed, And the sloops drift home under shortened sails. When the songs are over and song-birds dead, And the last farewell of the Autumn said, What a bleak world would theirs be, if they knew The feet of the dyer are round its seat. In gold and in crimson the Maple grows.

STRUCK AN OIL LAKE IN ONTARIO Chatham, Ont., Feb. 24—Saturday morning, when boring at a depth of 200 feet in a well on lot 21, concession 4, Romney township, the tools disappeared and a gush of oil overflowed the fields for acres. Thousands of barrels were lost. Experts say an oil lake has been entered, and that the showing is the best in the field. The well will probably run hundreds of barrels daily.

Even so should a brave man's sunset shed From the heights of pain, through the mist of woes, A path on the path which we all must tread— In gold and in crimson the Maple grows. —Clive Phillips-Wolley, in London Standard.

GOVERNOR SNOWBALL FELL DEAD IN STREET

Expired While Walking to Service at Cathedral Sunday Night

Lived Less Than Five Minutes After Being Stricken With Heart Disease—Carried to Queen Hotel a Corpse—Entertained at Dinner Saturday Night and Seemed in Usual Health All Day Sunday—Legislature Adjourned Till Administrator is Appointed—His Career.

Frederick, N. B., Feb. 24—Lieutenant-Governor Snowball dropped dead on Queen street at 8.55 this evening while on his way to the cathedral to attend divine service. He left his room at the Queen hotel only a few minutes before and got as far as the corner of Church and Queen streets when he complained to his servant, Frederick MacKenzie, who accompanied him, that he was not feeling very well, and turned about to return to the hotel. He had gone a few yards when he fell to the sidewalk and immediately became unconscious. He never spoke afterwards and was dead in less than five minutes. Mr. MacKenzie dispatched a boy who was placed to be near for help, and was soon joined by C. J. Osman, M. P. P. for Queen, and John Stinch, clerical being at the Queen hotel. They carried the prostrate man to his room at the hotel, where Drs. Atherton and McGrath were soon in attendance. They examined the body, but could find no sign of life and gave it as their opinion that death had resulted from an attack of heart disease.

His honor was popular with all classes. The news of his sudden taking off, following so closely upon that of Hon. A. G. Blair, under similar circumstances, naturally called forth many expressions of surprise and regret. Lieutenant-Governor Snowball had not been very well for months past. He was unable to attend his public duties. He opened the session of the legislature on Feb. 19, and had since been daily at the office of the parliament buildings. He suffered a slight attack of a gripe last week and, although under a doctor's care for several days, he was able to attend the forestry convention on Wednesday and Thursday.

Gave a Dinner Saturday Night. Last evening he entertained a number of members of the legislature and departmental officials at dinner at the Queen hotel. He seemed to be in excellent spirits and made himself particularly agreeable to his guests. This morning he arose at the usual hour, partook of breakfast and attended service at the Methodist church. He drove to church in a hack, but walked to his home at the close of the service. He had dinner at the usual hour and spent the greater part of the afternoon in his study. He seemed to be in his usual health and made no complaint to those who were in conversation with him. He left his study at 12 o'clock, accompanied by his servant, Frederick MacKenzie. He proceeded down Queen street and had reached the corner of Church street, less than a block and a half from the hotel, when he remarked to Mr. MacKenzie that he was not feeling very well. "I always walk too fast," said he, "when I start out." Saying this he immediately started to return to his hotel, Mr. MacKenzie taking him by the arm. They had only proceeded a short distance when the honor sank to the sidewalk and expired without uttering a word. His death occurred directly opposite Partridge Place, the residence of the late Governor Fraser. The sad news was immediately wired to premier Treadwell and members of the family at Chatham, and to Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Ottawa.

The body will be taken to Chatham tomorrow afternoon. Premier Treadwell, W. B. Snowball, R. A. Taylor and Donald McKenzie left Chatham at 12 o'clock to go to this city by special train. Governor Snowball is the fourth lieutenant-governor to die in office. His predecessors in the rank being Governor Chandler, Boyd and Fraser. Governor Snowball was twice married, first to Margaret, daughter of the late John McDougall, of Chatham, by whom he leaves two sons—McDougall Snowball, of Pasadena, California, and W. B. Snowball, of Chatham, and three daughters—Misses Frances, Lillian and Laura Snowball. Another daughter, Annie, died a short time ago. Mrs. Snowball and daughter Lillian are at present in Toronto, and it was his honor's intention to join

CONSERVATIVES OPPOSE A BID FOR LIBERALS

Messrs. Flemming, Smith and Munro Chosen in Carleton County

Resolution Passes That Next Contest Should Not Be Run on Party Lines—J. D. Hazen Condemns Proposed Aid to International Railway.

Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 24—J. K. Flemming, M. P. P., B. F. Smith, M. P. P., and Mayor Donald Munro were nominated by the delegates attending the Conservative convention yesterday afternoon. The gathering was a large one that met in the Grand Opera House for the purpose of nominating candidates for Carleton county in opposition to the present government. A special train from Bath, which returned after the evening meeting, brought about 107 delegates.

The meeting was called to order by J. R. Teed at 2 o'clock. He said before proceedings were opened he wished to thank them for the honor of electing him president pro tem. But he was away from home so much that he could not be present to fill the position during a campaign; so he nominated as president of the opposition association in this county George G. Balmori, of Woodstock. This was seconded by Major John R. Tompkins and carried unanimously. Mr. Balmori was received with applause. He was sorry that Mr. Teed was unable to continue as president, for he (Teed) was a man who never made any mistakes, and it was really too bad that he could not take the position permanently. He hoped they would deal leniently with him, as everyone is liable to make mistakes. He suggested in an able speech, which was voted upon, a committee of five to assist the president, and suggested that a secretary be elected. On motion John P. Maloney was unanimously elected secretary.

The chairman regretted the absence of Colonel Vince and J. C. Hartley, who were detained by the storm on the way from Ottawa, and read a letter from Mr. Hartley promising his hearty support to the candidates selected. The chair stated the object of the meeting and said it was now open to receive nominations. George Kinney, of Kent, presented the name of J. K. Flemming, M. P. P., of East Freetown, which was seconded by Messrs. Savage, Tremblay and others.

Mr. Williams, of Wilmet, nominated B. Frank Smith, M. P. P., of East Freetown, in a brief speech, which was seconded by Messrs. Kinney, of East Freetown, and W. A. B. Bailey, of Woodstock. Nominated Mayor Donald Munro, of Woodstock, was elected by a large majority, which was seconded by Hon. G. W. White, of Centerville, and others.

Messrs. Hazen, Morrison, Morrison, and Glazier, M. P. P., now representing the hall amid applause and took their seats on the platform. J. A. McIntosh, of Carleton Place, moved that the resolutions be carried, which motion was carried unanimously. By a standing vote the nominations were ratified and Messrs. Flemming, Smith and Munro took seats on the platform.

Speeches were made by the candidates and Messrs. Hazen, Morrison, Morrison and Glazier, M. P. P., now representing the hall amid applause and took their seats on the platform. J. A. McIntosh, of Carleton Place, moved that the resolutions be carried, which motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Morrison told of his work associated with Mr. Smith, on the public accounts committee, dealt with the Restigouche section, and proposed that the government must go to defeat. Mr. Hazen closed the meeting by a general criticism of the administration. He promised to sign an agreement with the premier for a pure election. He condemned the proposed international railway legislation, and said that the next premier of New Brunswick would be the next premier of New Brunswick.

FIREMEN WERE BUSY AT MONCTON

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 24—With four calls this morning today it was seen that the Moncton fire department is having a pretty busy time. Three of the alarms today were for slight fires caused by carelessness in taking a cigarette to bed, and before it was extinguished the building was badly gutted with water. Some furniture in the upper part of the house was burned and damaged by water. Mr. Donnet estimates his loss on furniture alone at \$600. The damage to the house is placed at \$1,200 with \$800 insurance.

While this fire was in progress an alarm came for a burning chimney in P. S. Archibald's residence, corner Main and Archibald streets. A slight hole was cut in the roof but there was no damage by fire. About the same hour the firemen were called to the Park hotel, in Telegraph street, for a slight blaze originating from a defective chimney. The fire was put out with a few pails of water.

These three calls were between 10 and 11 o'clock, and at 2.29 the firemen were called again for a blaze in the Lea house at the corner of Victoria and Wesley streets, occupied by Weldon Carter and W. Blackwood. A slight hole was burned in the roof, with slight damage by water to the furniture.

This makes twelve fires during the present month, nearly as many as the whole of last year. Today is the anniversary of the big T. C. B. conflagration and a number of insurance firms filed claims with apprehension.

Insurance men completed the work yesterday of adjusting the losses. Thursday night's loss, which was the largest with well satisfied, Andrew Rutledge was allowed \$12,200 on his building; Fred C. Jones' building, \$1,225; Forbes & Chou's stock, \$12,250; Jennie McGee, stock, \$750; McDonald & Burgess were offered \$278 on the stock, but they would not accept. They carried \$1,000 in the Atlantic Mutual.

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TEACHERS PETITION FOR HIGHER SALARIES

N. B. Association Sets Forth Their Grievances to Government and Suggests a Plan to Better Conditions.

Newcastle, Feb. 23.—The following petition was handed the provincial government on the 21st inst.: The petition of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association hereby humbly sheweth: That it is now generally admitted that the salaries paid to teachers in the public schools of the province are entirely too low as compared with those of other professions. The teaching profession, and the inadequate compensation complete with your honorable increased cost of living during the last few years, prevent many suitable persons from entering the profession, and are continually forcing those engaged in teaching to leave and take more remunerative employment. By far the greater number of those who are now leaving the profession are employed for more than three years.

While it is highly desirable that teaching should be a permanent profession, conditions are all against young people taking it up as a first career. The average salary of a teacher in most cases stationary, young men being unable to save enough to enable them to purchase a home, and many are obliged to be content with a few years' experience before they are able to purchase a home. The children of those who are engaged in teaching are being supplied by second, and third hand teachers, and in many cases by untrained teachers holding local licenses only. More than this, the chief superintendent's report for 1906-1907, shows that during the term ended June 25th, 1906, there were 107 districts in the province without teachers of any kind, the children of those districts being educated in the provincial schools. Conditions in 1904-1906 were very little, if any, better than in the previous year. Wherever your honor is in power to have such a serious state of affairs remedied as soon as possible, that your honorable body will introduce into, and recommend to the honorable House of Assembly, amendments to the school law along the following lines: First—No further increase of local licenses, and cessation, as soon as possible, of the further issuing of third class licenses. Second—the later, at present in force, to remain so until the issue of a letter from the board of education or inspectors. (So far as may be found practicable to constitute a single school district with a school board elected or appointed as the legislature may determine. Among the important duties of the parish school boards would be the general supervision of the present districts and the establishing of central graded schools. The employment of competent teachers and the local supervision of all the schools in the parish by the agents of the board. The minimum rate of assessment for school purposes to be fixed by the board of education. The minimum rate of assessment for school purposes to be fixed by the board of education. The minimum rate of assessment for school purposes to be fixed by the board of education.

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MANY BILLS INTRODUCED IN LOCAL LEGISLATURE

Measures Affecting St. John and Moncton—Other Business of the House. Frederick, Feb. 22.—The house met at 3 o'clock. Mr. Copp, chairman of the standing rules committee, stated the committee had decided that there must be proof of publication of bills either by affidavit or solemn declaration; a new certificate would not be sufficient.

Mr. Maxwell gave notice of inquiry regarding the contract made by a government contractor with the International Railway Company's charter act. The following reply was given to a query about the International Railway: The shareholders named in the International Company's charter act: Kilgour Shives, (since deceased); David Richards, J. Bradshaw MacKenzie, Henry Lunn, Malcolm P. Moore and Thomas Macdonald. No statement of any change in the names of the shareholders has been filed with the government. Neither has any statement been filed of the amounts paid by the holders towards the construction of the road, but the government is informed that under the contract between the contractor and the company, shares of stock are to be issued to the contractor as fully paid up; and the company states that stock of the par value of \$60,000 fully paid up has been issued to the contractor.

The officers of the company are David Richards, president; and J. Bradshaw MacKenzie, secretary. Mr. Robertson introduced a bill respecting the International Railway Company, and a bill relating to the civic elections in St. John.

Mr. Whitehead introduced a bill respecting the issue of debentures by the city of Fredericton and also the Fredericton assessment bill. Mr. Hazen moved for an address for correspondence between T. Carleton Allan, Edwin Carter, and J. B. Baker, and the Hon. Mr. Pugsley. Mr. Whitehead introduced a bill respecting the issue of debentures by the city of Fredericton and also the Fredericton assessment bill.

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CHATHAM CARNIVAL AND COSTUMES WORN

Chatham, Feb. 22.—The children's skating carnival last night was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The ice and music were good and the costumes attractive and varied.

Miss Katie Weldon was awarded first prize for girls' best costume, and Miss Mattie F. May second prize. Arthur Allan and Laurie Snowball were awarded second prize for boys' best costume. The following is a list of skaters: Louis-Hannah Grant, Chatham Cadets; Linda Wilson, Water Spirit; Tillie Wilson, Papee; Genevieve Watters, Good Luck; Bertha McLean and Jennie McLean, Red Riding Hood; Clara Macdonald, Leda; C. Hayes, in the Good Old Summer Time; Nina England, Indian Girl; Jennie McFarlane, Patch Work Girl; Addie Harlow, Nancy Drew; Rena Gordon, Glensheen; Alma Irving, Forester; Effie Gordon, Flower Girl; Heloise Neale, Rose; Margaret Fair, The American; Constance, Little Lonesome; Gretchen, Little Lonesome; Little Dutch Girl; Jennie McLean, Swan; Mattie E. May, Princess Daffodil; Annie McKnight, Queen of Fairies; Paul Grant, Little Dutch Girl; Little Miss Gummie; Flossie Heckbert and Hilda Gunning, Two New Coons; Hilda Hansen, Princess Pine; Greer Godfrey, Little Girl in Blue; Lillian Cameron, Scissors; Gretnings; Lucy Pratt; Dorothy Galt; Katie Weldon, Thistle.

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CHAPTER I. Desert Seas.

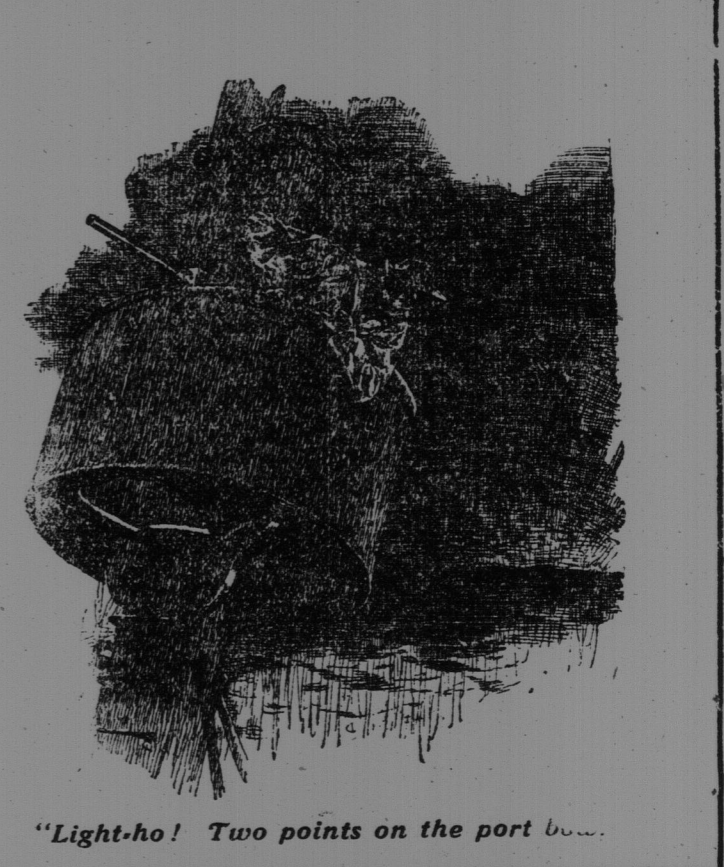
The late afternoon sky flaunted its splendour of blue and gold like a banner over the Pacific, across whose depths the trade wind droned in measured cadence. On the ocean's wide expanse a hulk wallowed sluggishly, the forgotten relic of the sea's derelict hovering a ship's cutter, the Sphinx of some untold ocean tragedy, she lay black and forbidding in the ordered procession of waves. Half a mile to the east of the desert parts of the Pacific, three hundred miles north of the steamship route from Yokohama to Honolulu, five hundred miles from the nearest land, Gardner Island, and more than seven hundred northwest of the Hawaiian group. On the cruiser's quarter-deck the officers lined the rail. Their interest was focused on the sea.

good shape, and bound westward. That's all the record of her that there is." "Was that Ralph Slade?" asked Barnett. "Yes. He was a free-lance writer and artist." "I knew him well," said Barnett. "He was in our mess in the Philippine campaign on the North Dakota. War correspondent then. It's strange that I never identified him before with the Slade of the Laughing Lass." "What was the object of the voyage?" asked Ives. "They were supposed to be after buried treasure," said Barnett. "I've always thought it more likely that Doctor Schermerhorn was on a scientific expedition," said Edwards. "I knew the old boy, and he wasn't the sort to care a hoot in school for treasure, buried or unburied." "Every time a ship sets out from San Francisco without publishing to all the world just what her business is, all the world thinks it's one of those wild-goose hunts," observed Ives. "Yes," agreed Barnett. "Flora and fauna of some unknown island would be much more in the Schermerhorn line of traffic. Not unlikely that some of the restive natives collected the unfortunate professor."

"It's a fact," said the ensign, heatedly. "Why, a couple of years back there was a trader here stocked up with a lot of belly-mixture in bottles. Thought he was going to make his pile because there'd been a eolic epidemic in the islands the season before. Bottles were labelled 'Do not shake.' That settled his business. Might as well have marked 'em 'Keep frozen' in this part of the world. Fellow went broke." "In any case," said Barnett, "such a glow as that we sighted last night I've never seen from any volcano." "Nor I," said Trender. "Don't prove it mightn't have been." "I'll just bet the best dinner in San Francisco that it isn't," said Edwards. "You're on," said Carter. "Let me in," suggested Ives. "And I'll take one of it," said McGuire. "Come on, come all," said Edwards cheerily. "I'll live high on the collective judgment of this outfit." "To-night isn't likely to settle it, anyhow," said Ives. "I move we turn in." "Yes," agreed Barnett. "Flora and fauna of some unknown island would be much more in the Schermerhorn line of traffic. Not unlikely that some of the restive natives collected the unfortunate professor."

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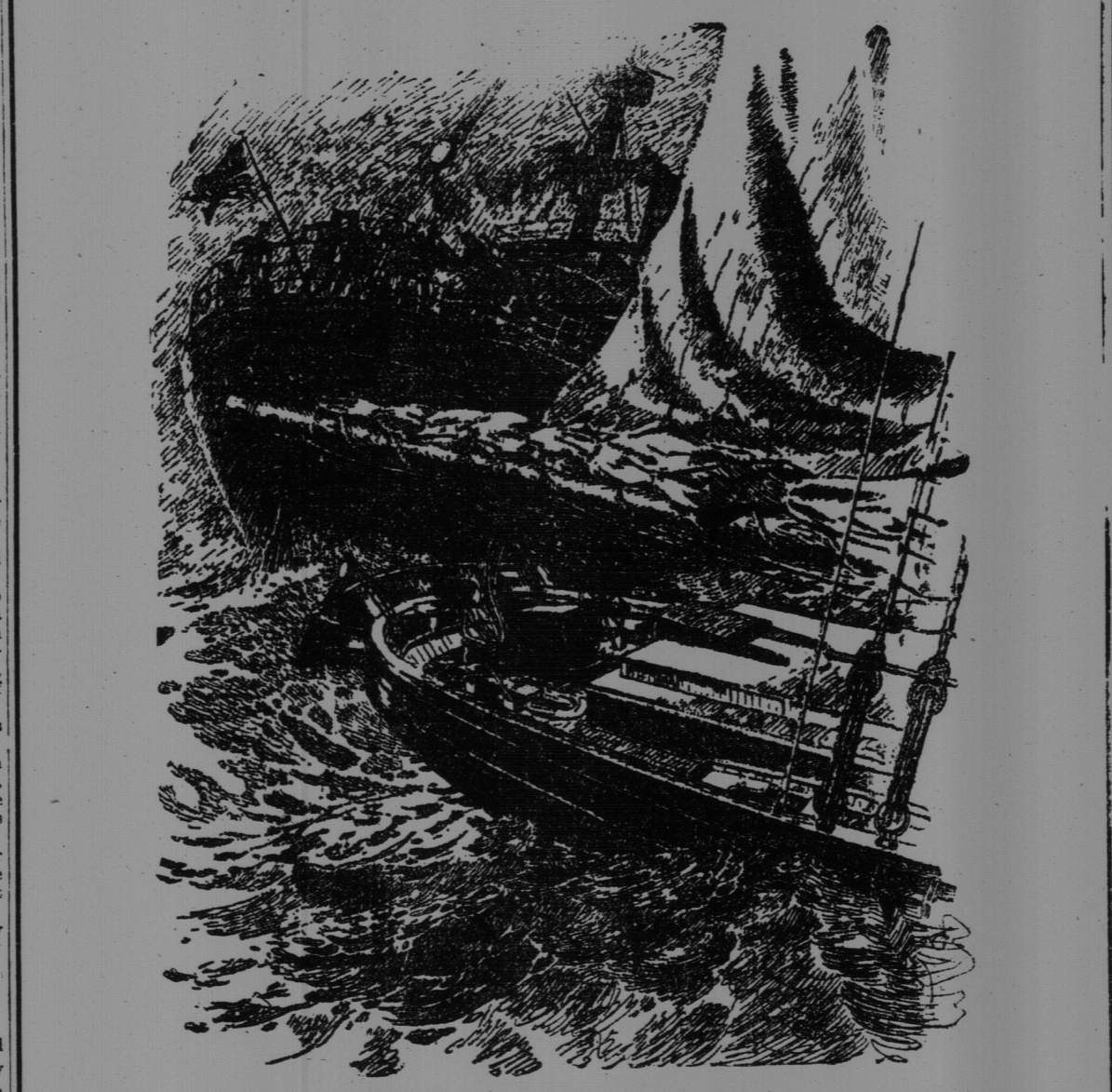


"Light-ho! Two points on the port beam."

For two hours after the departure of the captain and Trender there were dull times on the quarter-deck of the Wolverine. Then the surgeon came back to them. "Billy was right," he said. "But he didn't tell us anything," cried Ives. "He didn't clear up the mystery." "That's what," said Trender. "One thing Billy said," he added, waxing unusually profuse for him, "was truer than anything else." "Thanks," murmured the ensign. "What was that?" "You said 'Not a living being aboard. Exact words, hey?'" "Well, what of it?" exclaimed the ensign excitedly. "You don't mean you found dead?" "No; nor anyone else. Not above water." "Found a dozen dead rats. No sound or sign of a live one on the Laughing Lass. No rats, no mice, no bugs, gentlemen, the Laughing Lass is a charnel ship." "No wonder Billy's tender nervous went wrong," said Ives, with irrepressible flippancy. "She's probably haunted by cockroach wraiths." "He'll have a chance to see," said Trender on Captain's going to put him in charge. "By way of apology, then," said Barnett. "That's pretty square," said Trender. "Captain Parkinson wishes to see you in his cabin, Mr. Edwards," said an orderly, coming in. "A pleasant voyage, Captain Billy," said Ives. "Sing out if the goblins get ye'er." Fifteen minutes later Ensign Edwards, with a quartermaster, Timmins, the boat's mate, and a crew, was heading a straight course toward his first command, with instructions to "keep company and watch for signals"; and intention to break into the brass-bound chest and ferret out what clue lay there, if it took dynamite. As he boarded, Barnett and Trender, with both of whom the lad was a favorite, came to a sinister conclusion. "It's poison, I suppose," said the first officer. "And a mighty subtle sort," agreed Trender. "Don't like the looks of it. He shook a solemn head. 'Don't like it for a dimm'."

CHAPTER II. The Second Prize Crew. In semi-tropic Pacific weather the unexpected seldom happens as to be a negligible quantity. The Wolverine met with it on June 23. From some unaccountable source in that realm of the survivor, after the bodies of the rest were overboard, got delirious and jumped after them." "Not if the galley fire was hot," said Dr. Trender, briefly. "No; pestilence didn't work that way." "Did you look at the wheel, Billy?" asked Ives. "Did I? There's another thing. Wheel's all right, but compass is no good at all. It's regularly bewitched." "What about the log, then?" "Can't find it anywhere. Hunted high, low, jacked, and the game; everywhere except in the big brass-bound chest. I found in the captain's cabin. Couldn't break into that." "Dr. Schermerhorn's chest?" exclaimed Barnett. "Then he was aboard," said the ensign grimly. "Not in the flesh. And that's all," he added sullenly. "There's something else, Captain's orders." "Oh, no, Captain Parkinson doesn't take enough stock in my report to tell me to withhold anything," said Edwards, with a trace of bitterness in his voice. "It's nothing that I believe myself, anyhow." "Give us a chance to believe it," said Ives. "Well," said the ensign hesitatingly, "there's a sort of atmosphere about that schooner that's almost uncanny." "Oh, you had the shudders before you were ordered to board," bantered Ives. "I know it. I'd have thought it was one of those fool presentiments if I were the only one to feel it. But the men were affected, too. They kept together like frightened sheep. And I heard one say to another: 'Hey, boy, don't feel like someone was abuzzin' your nerves like a fiddle-string.' Now," demanded Edwards plaintively, "what right has a jackie to have nerves?" "That's strange enough about the compass," said Barnett slowly. "Ours is all right again. The schooner must have been so near the electric disturbance that her instruments were permanently deranged." "That would lend weight to the volcanic theory," said Carter. "So the captain didn't take kindly to your go-look-see?" questioned Ives of Edwards. "As good as told me I'd missed the point of the thing," said the ensign, flushing. "Perhaps he can make more of it himself. At any rate, he's going to try. Here he is now." "Dr. Trender," said the captain, appearing, "you will please to go with me to the schooner." "Yes, sir," said the surgeon, rising from his chair with such alacrity as to draw from Ives the sarcasm comment. "Why, I actually believe old Trender is excited."

A Prohibition Debate. Plain, Feb. 29—On Tuesday night, 29th inst., there will be a debate in the hall at Pettaunee between five selected members from Moncton I. O. G. T. lodges, and five members of Elgin lodge. Subject: Resolved: Prohibition is going backward. Among the debaters will be the grand chief temporary, grand vice-master and grand secretary I. O. G. T.



A schooner comporting herself in a manner uncommon on the Pacific.

"No, sir," the man was insisting, "she didn't show no light, sir. I'd 'a' sighted her an hour ago, sir, if she had." "We shall see," said Carter grimly. "Who's your relief?" "Sennett." "Let him take your place. Go aloft Sennett." As the lookout, crestfallen and surly, went below, Barnett said in subdued tones: "Upon my word, I shouldn't be surprised if the man were right. Certainly there's something queer about that hooker. Look how she handles herself!" "Take your time. Don't come alongside until she is in the wind. Leave enough men aboard to handle her." The cruiser steamed to within half a mile of the aimless traveller, and the small boat put out. Not one of his fellows but envied the young ensign as he left the ship, steered by Timmins, a veteran boat's mate, wise in all the ins and outs of sea ways. They saw him board, neatly running the small boat under the schooner's counter; they saw the foremast cast off and the ship run into the wind; then the foremast dropped and the wheel lashed so that she would stand so. They awaited the reappearance of Edwards and the boat's mate when they had vanished below decks, and with an intensity of eagerness they followed the return of the small boat. Billy Edwards's face as he came on deck was a study. It was alight with excitement; yet between the eyes two deep wrinkles of puzzlement quivered. Such a face the mathematician bends above his paper when some obstructive factor arises between him and his solution. "Well, sir?" There was a hint of effort at restraint in the captain's voice. "She's the Laughing Lass, sir. Everything ship-shape, but not a soul aboard." "Good below, Mr. Edwards," said the captain. And they went, leaving behind them a boiling cauldron of theory and conjecture.

CHAPTER III. The Death Ship. Billy Edwards came on deck with a line of irritation right-angling the furrows between his eyes. "Go ahead," the quarter-deck bade him, seeing him afflawn with information. "The captain won't believe me," blurted out Edwards. "Are you in trouble?" asked the cruiser, and waited. The schooner showed a bare and silent masted. "Have to," now Uncle Sam was giving orders. "The other paid no heed." "Well, make that a little more emphatic," said Captain Parkinson. A moment later there was the sharp crash of a gun and a shot went across the bows of the sailing vessel. Hastened by a flap of wind that veered from the normal direction

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BILL FOR WARD SYSTEM READY

Will Be Sent to Fredericton in Course of a Few Days

EXPLANATION OF ITS PROVISIONS

One Alderman for Each Ward, Elected by Voters in That Ward—Four Men At Large Instead of Two—Candidate Need Not Run for Ward in Which He Lives or Does Business.

The bill to change the system of electing aldermen at civic elections in St. John has now been prepared by the common clerk acting under instructions from the council, and will soon be forwarded to the legislative assembly for enactment.

Section 2.—There shall be elected on the third Tuesday in April in the present year and on the third Tuesday in every year thereafter, the mayor of the city of St. John, one alderman for each ward in the said city, and four aldermen-at-large for the whole of the city.

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IN VESTIBULE OF UNOCCUPIED HOUSE

Lay There, After Partially Undressing, in Bitter Cold of Friday Night Last—Mistake in Identity Fright, But Mill Manager Makes it Positive.

A man identified as James Kendall, an employe of the Mispec pulp mill, was frozen to death Friday night in the porch of an unoccupied house owned by James Lee, at Little River. He had partially undressed himself and lain down. The finding of a man's coat near the house, and later a pair of trousers near the barn, led to search which ended in the finding of the body.

About 6:30 Saturday morning as Herbert Friars passed by the house he found the coat at a gravel pit near by. He did not wonder much at the time, thinking the coat belonged to some men who had been working at the gravel. Saturday evening, however, the finding of the trousers made the case seem strange, and it was decided to investigate. Early Sunday morning he and John McHugh, going into the porch of the house, found the body lying there, huddled in shirt sleeves, under a blanket, and with his hands tucked under his head.

Word was sent to the central police station and to Coroner Berryman, and coroner and Detective Killen drove out. No one could be found to say the man had been seen in the neighborhood, and there was also confusion in the matter of the work of the mill.

Wm. Black, a youngster of 17 of Westmorland Road said it was John McTavish who had worked in the Mispec pulp mill some months ago, and boarded at G. Pierce's there. This was accepted, as he felt sure of his recognition.

James Shaw and Wm. Thompson, who are employes in the Provincial Chemical Fertilizer Company's works, who believed the man was one whom they had known as "Jimmy," and who formerly was employe of the Lock Lomond water works. Thompson said "Jimmy," whose surname he did not know, had a mother living in Dorchester street, Montreal. The first joint of the first finger of the right hand is off.

Later, however, the body was positively identified by Philip Grosset, superintendent of the pulp mill, and William Flynn, carpenter, and John Kerr, blacksmith in the mill, as that of James Kendall, who had been working in the mill since last summer. None of these men seemed to know where the unfortunate man belonged to or where he had been previous to being employed in the mill.

Mr. Grosset said that on Thursday Kendall had left the mill and came to the city. It was supposed that the unfortunate man had been drinking and was out of his way as he was returning to the pulp mill.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A GRATEFUL FISHERMAN To the Editor of the Telegraph:—The question having come up for a Liberal candidate for the county of Miramichi, I should be entitled and the man chosen. I consider R. E. Armstrong the right place. His years will not prevent him from again offering assistance in the future. I am, Sir, a Liberal candidate for this county. The man that he knows is needed for the poor fishermen of Charlotte county. Had Mr. Armstrong been elected last election, I think Charlotte county would have been better off than it is now. I am, Sir, a Liberal candidate for this county. The man that he knows is needed for the poor fishermen of Charlotte county. Had Mr. Armstrong been elected last election, I think Charlotte county would have been better off than it is now.

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Mayor Has Conference with Hon. Mr. Tweedie on the Matter—Rev. Dr. Raymond Quoted on St. John's Reason for Commemorating Champlain's Work.

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Premier Tweedie, who was in the city yesterday, said that it would receive attention some day next week before the estimates were taken up. It is generally believed that a generous grant will be made by the local government, and it was decided to invite Champlain to the celebration at St. John.

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Agents wanted in unrepresented districts. Try for greater number from Britain. New department.

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Every effort is being made to increase the proportion of English speaking immigrants, and from present indications the effort will bear fruitful results.

This statement was made by E. Blake Robertson, of Ottawa, Canada, while chatting to a Telegraph reporter on immigration matters yesterday.

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Another gentleman interested in immigration at present in the city, is A. K. Sutherland, who is head of the employment department of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, with headquarters in Winnipeg. On the steamer Lake Champlain, three days over here, he and 300 English laborers under contract with Mr. Sutherland to work on the new railroad. They are mostly unskilled workmen but some are experts at bridge building and the like.

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