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PITTSBURGH GRAFTERS CAUGHT IN A TRAP

Sensational Evidence in Court Detective Told How He Bribe Them—Some Councilmen Could Be Bought for \$5—Big Money Split Up—Bankers in the Toils, Too.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—The seven city councilmen and two bankers arrested here Monday night charged with conspiracy, corrupt solicitation and bribery, were given a hearing today before a police magistrate. Upon the introduction of startling testimony, which implicated other councilmen at present unknown, all the defendants were held for trial.

According to the testimony a majority of the council of Pittsburg could be bribed by the payment of sums ranging from \$100 to \$5 and it was also testified that recently sixty councilmen divided \$45,000 corruptly offered in connection with the filtration plant.

W. W. Ramsay and A. A. Vilecek, former president and cashier of the Gernap National Bank, were first placed on trial. It was testified that they were approached by Councilman John Klein, one of the accused, who said that the bank would be made a depository for the city's funds in the event "the German National Bank would do as other banks have done."

After several talks the bankers placed \$17,500 on a table in a room in the bank. Councilman Klein and a companion entered a room and a short time later left the bank. The bankers then visited the room and the money was gone.

At the request of the directors of the bank both men resigned last Saturday. They were held for trial in the sum of \$15,000 bail each.

JAIL SENTENCE FOR LABOR HEADS

Gompers Gets a Year and John Mitchell Nine Months

STUNNED AT RESULT

Federation President Bursts Into Tears—Judge Wright's Judgment a Scathing Rebuke to Men Who Have Defied the Law—Ask Roosevelt for Help.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Twelve months in jail for Samuel Gompers, president, nine months for John Mitchell, one of the vice-presidents, and six months for Frank Morrison, secretary, all of the American Federation of Labor, was the sentence imposed by Justice Wright of the supreme court of the District of Columbia today, for contempt of court in violating an order previously issued enjoining from placing on the unfair or wrong patronage list, the Bucks Store and Range Company, of St. Louis (Mo.).

All three of the defendants were in court when sentence was pronounced and notice of an appeal to the court of appeals of the District of Columbia at once was filed. Gompers being released on \$5,000; Mitchell on \$4,000 and Morrison on \$3,000. In addition to the wife and daughter of Gompers, there were present a number of local labor leaders, and others who were attracted by the notice that a decision in the famous case would be announced today. Mr. Gompers' family were affected.

With tears coursing down his own cheeks, President Gompers heard the order of the court which condemned him to prison for a year. Both Mitchell and Morrison seemed stunned by the sentence, although Mr. Mitchell appeared to be the least concerned.

Asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, President Gompers declared that he had not consciously violated any law. There was much he would like to say, he said, but he could not do it at that time. He added, however, that "this is a struggle of the working people of our country and it is a struggle of the working people for their rights. It is a struggle of the ages—a struggle of the men of labor to throw off some of the burdens which have been heaped upon them; to abolish some of the wrongs and to secure some of the rights too long denied."

Mitchell and Morrison confined themselves to an endorsement of what Gompers had said.

The decision of Justice Wright which consumed two hours and twenty minutes in reading, was one of the most scathing judgments that ever came from the bench in this city. "Everywhere," the court said, "all over, within the court and out, utter, rampant, insolent defiance is heralded and proclaimed; unrefined, vulgar, coarse, affront, vulgar indignity measures the litigant's conception of the tribunal that wherein his case is still pending. To stand hands off—until justice for this matter can be ascertained, but," he said, "there has been a deliberate, determined, defiant conflict precipitated in the light of open day, between the decrees of a tribunal ordained by the government of the federal union and the defiance of other federation grown up in the land. One or the other," he declared, "must succumb for those who would unlaw the land are public enemies."

PUGSLEY REPROVES POWELL IN CENTRAL INVESTIGATION

Minister of Public Works Gives Full Explanation of Transactions

In Spite of Interruptions He Insists on Going Fully Into Matters Brought Up by Counsel's Questions—An Interesting Session—Inquiry to Be Continued.

Thursday, Dec. 24. Of these large sums of money, witness said he did not think his record as a public man had anything to do with the inquiry. His constituents were the ones to judge as to whether he had done his duty. The question was dropped. Asked if he had consulted any books of the company in settling the claims of Barnes and others, witness said he thought he had looked over some books but could not remember what they were. There was some discussion as to whether certain items of charges against the company would appear in the books. Mr. Barnhill claimed they would not appear. After some further discussion and questioning as to the books he had examined Mr. Copp was excused and adjournment was made until 2.30 in the afternoon.

Mr. Copp, M. P. P., was called at the morning session. He said he was in the legislature when the bill for the N. B. Coal and Railway Company was passed. He thought it had been proposed to amalgamate with the Central Railway. He had first understood that the government was in control of the railway in the early stage of the proceedings. He thought it was in the session of 1905, and he had been asked to act as counsel in some land claims. Witness had expressed some doubt on the floors of the house as to the advisability of taking over the railway. He had been given to understand there would be little further expenditure. He thought the road was taken over before July, 1905, and it was before that that he had acted in the land claims.

Claims had been made which were considered excessive and he had been instrumental in cutting down the amounts. The largest claims were the Barnes Construction Company and the People's Bank of Fredericton. He had received \$800 for his services. In settling the Barnes' claims he had nothing to do with anyone except Mr. Barnes and Mr. Babbitt. He had not consulted E. G. Evans, engineer of the road.

At the time he conducted negotiations with Mr. Barnes, there was a Mr. Evans, bookkeeper for Mr. Barnes, present. One of the items of the Barnes' claim was the building of a shack for the men. He had not been given an estimate of the cost of the shack, but thought Mr. Barnes had been given \$5,000 in settlement of his claim. He did not look into the payroll, cost of material, etc., though Mr. Babbitt had received a cheque from Mr. McAvity.

Mr. Powell said he had received \$90 for expenses and afterwards the \$500 for his services. He had also made a trip to Ottawa in connection with an endeavor to have the subsidy increased. He had been paid \$300 for this trip and subsequent work in connection with it.

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Mr. Powell asked if there was any legal service involved in this visit to Ottawa. Witness thought there was. Mr. Powell said "Well, what legal matters were there connected with it?" Mr. Copp—"I cannot say just now."

Witness produced letters he had received from Mr. McAvity in connection with these works. He had received in all \$1425 for his services. He believed that at that time the government owned the railway and that Senator King and Mr. McAvity were commissioners for the government. Before going to Ottawa he had consulted the attorney general. He had given him no statement of the cost of the 15-mile section. Witness said he possessed a general knowledge of the affairs of the road. Mr. Pugsley, who was in Ottawa at the time, went with him to interview Mr. Shannon, accountant in the railway department. Mr. Pugsley had a statement of the cost of the road.

SOME BIG FIGURES ABOUT CANADA'S CROPS THIS YEAR

Total Value was \$432,533,000—New Brunswick Contributed About \$12,000,000 of it.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Dec. 23.—According to a statement issued today by the census and statistics office an area of 27,355,083 acres of field crops in Canada has yielded a harvest which computed at average local market prices has a value of \$432,533,000.

The total value of the wheat harvest in the Northwest province is the highest in the history of the Dominion \$18,804,000. The value of field crops in Prince Edward Island is \$9,408,000; in Nova Scotia, \$20,083,000; in New Brunswick, \$12,042,000; in Quebec, \$80,896,000; in Ontario, \$185,348,000; in Manitoba, \$58,689,000; in Saskatchewan, \$37,914,000, and in Alberta, \$14,223,000.

The condition of the new crop of fall wheat at the same time was 75 per cent of a standard and 73 per cent of fall ploughing was completed.

ONTARIO BANK SHAREHOLDERS AFTER DIRECTORS

Suits for More Than \$1,000,000 Against Them for Negligence Which Caused Failure.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Three former directors of the Ontario Bank are today before a special examiner in connection with the failure of the bank. The former directors to recover more than \$1,000,000. At the conclusion of the evidence, the committee appointed by the shareholders will secure the assistance of a well known lawyer to launch an action against the former directors to recover more than \$1,000,000.

Mr. Powell asked if Mr. Babbitt received the paper from Dr. Pugsley. There was no order-invoice for Mr. Babbitt. Mr. Pugsley pointed out that as attorney general he had drawn up the document which was used for payments, but merely a legal statement giving the result of previous orders in council.

Mr. Babbitt, replying to Mr. Powell, said he had signed the paper as a memorandum on which the government acted. He had no doubt he was fully satisfied as to his authority before paying the money. Mr. Pugsley—"That fact contained in the memorandum appear elsewhere as orders in council."

ONLY AFTER OFFICIALS IN MARINE INQUIRY

WANTS BATHURST AS SHIPPING PORT

O. Turgeon, M. P., Anxious to Have Drummonds Ship Iron Ore That Way

SEES GOVERNMENT

Laurier and Pugsley Promise Careful Consideration of Gloucester County Member's Plea for Improvements to Aid Transportation of Mine's Output.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The development of the iron industry in Gloucester county is occupying the attention of the government by reason of an interview which O. Turgeon, M. P., had with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the minister of public works during his visit here. Mr. Turgeon dwelt upon the necessity for harbor improvements at Bathurst to afford accommodation for the shipment of the iron ore from the mines of the Drummond syndicate which are situated twenty-five miles from Bathurst.

The Drummonds have under consideration two ways of reaching tidewater, one by a line to Bathurst, the other by building a line two miles in length from the mines to Red Pine in the I. C. R., and carrying the ore thence forty miles to Chatham—a total railroad haul of sixty-two miles.

CHANGES ON I. C. R. IN A FEW MONTHS

Hon. Mr. Graham Intimates There Will Be New Basis of Management.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Dec. 23.—In the course of an address on "Development of Railways and General Transportation Facilities in Canada," Hon. C. J. Graham, at the banquet of the Commercial Travellers' Association here tonight, made reference to the future of the Intercolonial Railway.

In a few months he intimated the basis of management of the railway would be changed. He was not for obvious reasons able to say more than that.

CLOSURE LIKELY TO BE ADOPTED

New Rules of Debate on Lines of British Parliament Proposed for Ottawa House.

Scope Misconstrued, Says Judge Cassels

Investigation Completed Yesterday, But P. E. Island and British Columbia Needs Probing, Too, Says Court, Gourdeau and Spain on Stand Again.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The enquiry by Justice Cassels concerning the affairs of the department of marine and fisheries was concluded this evening and it is expected that the report will be ready for presentation to parliament shortly after its assembly next month. The commission began its sittings last May and continued into June, taking a vacation in September, and lasting until today.

This afternoon G. H. Carter, of the Bank of Montreal, which has taken over the People's Bank, said the supplementary cash book had been found last night. He was informed that on the 17th of June there was a check for \$1,000 against two checks had been found yet.

Thos. McConkey, of Quebec, asked to be recalled to state that he got \$200 from Darro & Son for work done outside the department. He had no idea of doing wrong.

Captain Spain was taken through his very much involved accounts but could only say that he was mistaken in the dates when he charged up railway fares on certain dates to places where it was proved not to be. He was given no other explanation though much questioned by counsel.

Jean Tremblay, clerk at Sorel, stated that Louchard, the Montreal agent, told him that he had given Col. Gourdeau \$190.

James Buckley, of Prescott, said he had shipped last June a carload of coal to Col. Gourdeau and had got the money. Today he said J. E. Fraser also got a supply from him, which was paid for.

Col. Gourdeau said he knew nothing of the fyles being tampered with. The minister said he was not going to Fraser as a favor to his case. He explained the Halliday transactions and gave evidence directly opposed to that which was given in the last session. This was remarked to him by counsel.

Files Tamped With

In the Cassels inquiry this morning Mr. W. N. Noble, who succeeded Mr. J. E. Fraser as the department agent at Bathurst, and is now assistant commissioner of lights, was questioned as to buoy logs sent to Halifax which Mr. Parsons objected.

Mr. Noble—"I can't explain."

The statement regarding the Canadian flag Signal Co. business was taken up. It showed a sale to the department in three years of \$329,919.

W. V. Stumbles, of the marine purchasing branch, was examined as to the destruction of fyles. Mr. Watson said that he heard that fyles of the department had been taken to a store room in the basement, that J. E. Fraser, Col. Gourdeau and W. V. Stumbles had gone into that room and the fyles had never come out, the presumption being that they had been destroyed.

Mr. Stumbles declared that he had not been in the room in question for three years. He had no fyles being taken and had never heard of Mr. Fraser or Col. Gourdeau destroying any.

J. E. McClelland, who had charge of the fyles, said he had not given J. E. Fraser any fyle after that official had been suspended. He had heard a rumor that fyles had been taken from the commissioner's office, but he never gave a fyle which was with Mr. Fraser for a long time. When the minister finally got it back, there had been additions to it.

It is felt that this course will be necessary in order that the business of the country may be transacted with something like the celerity which marks the conduct of affairs in the British House of Commons.

Cold Weather at Chatham. Chatham, N. B., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Today was the coldest of the season. At 10 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 17.2 degrees below zero and there has been little variation all day.



FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

HAVELOCK
Havelock, Dec. 21.—Miss E. Smith, of Cornwallis, is visiting Havelock, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Keith.

TRACY STATION
Tracy Station, Dec. 18.—A number of people from Tracy Station met in the parlour of Rev. A. H. McLeod, at Fredrickton Junction, on Wednesday evening Dec. 16, on which occasion they presented, as a token of their good wishes, a pair of fur driving mittens to Mr. McLeod, and a fur coat to his wife, Mrs. A. H. McLeod.

REXTON
Rexton, N. B., Dec. 22.—Miss Lizette O'Connor, who has been teaching at Harlow Road, near Harcourt, returned home on Saturday to spend her vacation.

APPOQUI
Apohaqui, Dec. 21.—Christmas week has for a time suspended the social festivities of the village, among them being a very enjoyable party given by Mr. and Mrs. D. Heber Folkins last Tuesday, Dec. 15, when they entertained about thirty of their friends in their usual pleasant manner.

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'The Hill' on Thursday evening, Dec. 17, after which the party went to the home of Miss Lena Fenwick, where luncheon was served.

NORTON
Norton, Dec. 22.—About a week ago when the repairs at the depot were completed the furnace cracked and rendered it useless. The stoves were put in place and the closets before being ready for use were abandoned.

HOPEWELL HILL
Hopewell Hill, Dec. 21.—Mrs. C. S. Starratt has returned to her home at Dorchester (N. B.), after spending a few days with her brothers, J. C. and W. T. Starratt.

FREDERICTON
Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 21.—(Special)—On Saturday evening the police raided William Wall's poolrooms on King street in search of liquor, but found nothing except a quantity of beer.

RICHIBUCTO
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TRAIN FOR BUSINESS

Most men train their brains and almost entirely neglect their bodies. They do not seem to realize that keenness of judgment and clearness of thought depend as much on the body as on the brain itself.

'Fruit-tives' are fruit juices in tablet form. They act directly on liver, bowels, kidneys and bladder, and enable the vital organs to do their work properly.

'Fruit-tives' are most useful in two cases—the new 20c box, as well as the regular 50c box, which is the most economical.

By late Rev. Father McDevitt, distributed in pamphlet form to the Indians of this vicinity.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 22.—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Guides Association was held at the Queen Hotel today and was well attended.

On account of the sudden and very severe illness of Miss Minnie Whitney, who has been attending the provincial Normal school, the school will be closed on Sunday for the day.

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On Thursday evening last the pupils of the intermediate department gave a concert in their school room and received presents from the Christmas tree.

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The amount paid on account of the Central was \$80,000.

Dr. Pugley asked to see the book and at once remarked "the date is May, 1903, and that makes it impossible to be called, he said."

Dr. Pugley then rose from his place, remarking that he understood Mr. Powell wished to call on him, and he would be glad to see him.

Dr. Pugley said he desired to make some explanation as to his non-attendance at the hearing, which he resumed on Dec. 2, but for a reason which he need not go into at the present time.

Dr. Pugley was proceeding to explain the matter when he was interrupted by Mr. Powell, who said he was all very interesting but that he would not do so at the present time.

Dr. Pugley replied that he had no objection to Mr. Powell's questions, but that he would not do so at the present time.

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Don't Be A Cripple

If you have a sprained ankle, aching feet, lame muscles or chilblains, you can cure yourself in remarkably short time by a free use of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment.

SPRAINS
CHILBLAINS
FIND ITALIANS MURDERED GREEN

Coroner's Jury Verdict in Plaster Rock Tragedy—Twenty-five of Peddler's Watches Found Hidden Under Log—No Trace of Money—Boy Identifies Gun Picked Up in Woods as Belonging to Prisoners.

(Special to The Telegraph.)
Plaster Rock, Dec. 23.—The jury empaneled to enquire into the death of Edward Green, peddler, who was shot last Sunday on the G. T. P. right of way, brought in a verdict this evening to the effect that Green came to his death from a bullet wound at the hands of the two Italians, Leon Seppeli and Tony Arcata, who are now under arrest, and further that the two Italians murdered the said Edward Green.

Chief of the G. T. P. today, A. R. Foster, made a further search today for the money said to have been stolen from Green. He examined the shack where the men were arrested and other places but nothing was found.

When the inquiry was resumed this morning Chief of Police Foster, who captured the two Italians, was the first witness and described the arrest and identification of the articles found in their possession.

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Advertisement for Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, featuring an illustration of a person in pain and text describing the product's benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for 'FIND ITALIANS MURDERED GREEN', detailing the coroner's jury verdict and the discovery of watches hidden under a log.

Advertisement for 'RUMORED CHANGES ON I. C. R. STAFF', mentioning the sudden death of Miss Mary Chalmers and the appointment of J. R. Bruce as Superintendent.

Advertisement for 'Sudden Death of Miss Mary Chalmers', providing details of her passing and the circumstances surrounding her death.

Advertisement for 'RUMORED CHANGES ON I. C. R. STAFF', continuing the news about staff changes and the appointment of J. R. Bruce.

Advertisement for 'Sudden Death of Miss Mary Chalmers', providing further details about her death and the impact on her family.

Advertisement for 'RUMORED CHANGES ON I. C. R. STAFF', discussing the rumors and the actual changes in the railway staff.

Advertisement for 'Sudden Death of Miss Mary Chalmers', concluding the report on her death and the funeral arrangements.

Advertisement for 'CAMERA GIVEN FREE', offering a camera to those who purchase a certain amount of goods.

Advertisement for 'You cannot possibly have a better Cocoa than ERIC'S', promoting a cocoa product.

Advertisement for 'A delicious drink and a sustaining food. FRAGrant, nutritive and economical. ERIC'S Cocoa maintains the system in robust health, and enables it to resist winter's extreme cold.', promoting another cocoa product.

Advertisement for 'SOLD BY GROCERS AND STOREKEEPERS IN 1-LB. AND 3-LB. TINS.', providing information about where to purchase the advertised products.



G. SCOVILL, EX-M. P. P., GIVES EVIDENCE IN CENTRAL INQUIRY

James Barnes, Hon. C. N. Skinner and J. M. Robinson Also on the Stand—Messrs. Barnhill and Carvell Offer All Assistance They Can Give.

Several witnesses gave evidence before the Central Railway commission Tuesday... G. G. Scovill, ex-M. P. P., was the first to testify...

On Aug. 29, 1903. He had also been paid expenses of a trip to New York to arrange about the transfer of some stock from Dr. DeBertram...

Mr. Skinner said he thought he received \$400 for his services in going to New York. It was probable he took the stock as trustee of the N. B. Coal and Railway Company...

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WOMEN BEATEN TO SILENCE THEM IN THE COMMONS

Brutal Methods Employed in Suppressing the Objectionable Suffragettes

ONE WOMAN PLIES A DOG-WHIP

Lloyd-George on His Feet for Two Hours, But His Voice Was Inaudible More Than Half the Time—Women Thrown Down and Struck Savagely in the Face.

(London Standard, Dec. 7.) The members of the National Women's Social and Political Union carried out to the full their threats of militant tactics at the meeting held at the Albert Hall on Saturday...

The interruptions took the usual form of incisive and ingeniously varied calls for votes for women. One interrupter, who had fastened herself to her seat, was able, by the free use of a dog whip, to further delay the process of eviction...

Women had the right to the suffrage, and the right ought to be translated into legislative action. The prime minister had pledged himself to bring in a real, effective franchise reform...

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Call for Deeds, Not Words.

Up to this time the proceedings had been most orderly, not a discordant note had been heard; but the calm ended with dramatic suddenness when Lloyd-George rose to speak...

There were shouts of "Rotten lot of Tories," "Barnhill paid by the brewers," "The Tories are here to stop you speaking." The result was that people lost their heads and tumult grew into pandemonium...

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By Command of the King

THE KING, being aware of the great interest taken by the Nation in general in the "Letters of Queen Victoria," recently published, has commanded that a new and popular edition should be issued, in order that the book should be brought within reach of all His Majesty's subjects.

The National Edition of the King's Book

THE TELEGRAPH has the pleasure of announcing that it has arranged to co-operate with the London Times in carrying out His Majesty's desire that every Canadian should be able to possess this unique book. A NATIONAL POSSESSION. Queen Victoria's unrivalled position and character and achievements are a national possession...

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CANCER OF THE STOMACH. Some truly marvellous cures have been made of this disease by our revolutionary treatment. We will gladly send you the names of Canadians of undoubted reliability who have been cured.

HAZEN INMAN OF LOWER PERTH BADLY INJURED. Andover, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Hazen Inman, a son of Richard Inman, of Lower Perth, was badly injured yesterday by a rolling log, while working for J. D. McLaughlin near Trout Brook.

CHURCH DAMAGED BY FIRE. Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Last night fire was discovered in the rear of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church. Before it was finally got under control, the vestry and rear tower were badly gutted, but the main auditorium was not damaged except by smoke.

ABSORBINE. This is a new and powerful remedy for all kinds of rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, lumbago, etc. It is a true and reliable remedy for all these ailments.

BANK DEPOSITS INCREASE FAST. Favorable Statement by Canadian Institutions—Big Advance in Call Loans Abroad.

BRIDGE TO SPAN HELL GATE SAYS NEW SERUM CURES ANAEMIA. Planned by the Pennsylvania Railroad. Arch to Be 1,000 Feet Long. When Completed—Crown to Be 300 Feet Above the River Surface.

Dr. Paul M. Bobier Comes Paris to Treat Patient in Philadelphia. (New York Herald.) On his first visit to this country and to treat a patient in Philadelphia who had been under his care in Paris...

THAW MUST STAY IN MATTIEWAN. Cannot Go to Pittsburgh, Rules Federal Court.

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"ROYAL GUARDIANS" Public notice is hereby given that at the next session of the Parliament of Canada, application will be made for the incorporation of the "Royal Guardians" as a fraternal benefit association incorporated under the laws of the Province of Quebec...

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MONCTON CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

Seven-year-old Leone Weir Put Kerosene in the Stove CLOTHES CAUGHT FIRE

Passer-by Smothered Flames Cut Not in Time to Save Little Girl—Mother Was Calling on Neighbor at Time and Three Lots Were Left Alone.

ANOTHER NIGHT RIDER TURNS STATE'S WITNESS

Relates, Trembling with Fear the Desperate Actions of the Band—Woman Witness Asks for Armed Guard.

BROKE QUARANTINE TO MARRY, AND NOW LANGUISHES IN JAIL

Chatham Couple Fined \$40 Each, Eut Groom Took 40 Lays Instead

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 22.—Torn from the side of his bride by the iron hand of the law, William Mahoney, a native of Newfoundland, was sent to jail for forty days by Magistrate Connors this morning on the charge of violating quarantine regulations of the board of health.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, Mahoney was married in St. Mary's church to Mrs. Rosella McCarthy, a widow of a year. One of Mrs. McCarthy's six children had been attacked by scarlet fever and her house was quarantined. Mahoney distributed the warning on the ill child and took Mrs. McCarthy through a broken window.

The board of health officials took prompt measures and the child has now left the house of the parties attending the wedding were quarantined. The quarantine having been lifted, Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney were taken before the magistrate today and each fined \$40 or forty days in jail. In default of payment Mahoney was sent to jail but the woman was released.

ONTO FLOUR MILL BURNED Brantford, Ont., Dec. 22.—(Special)—The large flour mill at Norwich owned by J. J. Rans, was completely destroyed by fire at 4:20 this morning. As there is little or no insurance, the net loss was heavy. The damage is estimated at \$180,000. Incendiarism is suspected.

\$120,000 LOST ONT. F. R. Clinton, Ont., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Sam Cooper's planing mill was destroyed today. The walls were brick, but soon gave way, and the machinery and contents were a total loss. The loss may exceed \$120,000.

LUSTY VOICES OF POLICEMEN IN SONG FOR VETERAN

Guard Room Rings With Chorus in Honor of Sergt. John Hipwell

A PRESENTATION

Chief Clark Presents Address and Gold-headed Cane, on Behalf of All, to Man Who Has Given 57 Years' Service—"Jolly Good Fellow" and Congratulatory.

The guardroom of the Central Police Station rang with song Tuesday night, when a score or more of lusty bluecoats joined in a rendition of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," in honor of Sergeant John Hipwell, the veteran of the force, who has been given a year's leave or absence by the city council.

The occasion was the presentation of a gold-headed ebony cane, to Sergt. Hipwell, by the chief and members of the force. It was a notable occasion for the men expressed their warm feeling for their old comrade in no uncertain manner.

On behalf of the St. John Police Department, much honor and pleasure are afforded me, as its chief, in presenting this cane, not under the supposition that you need support, but in testimony of our hearty expressions of friendly sentiment and respect.

After fifty-seven years of police service and none too sympathetic public, your record has been a marvellous achievement, significant of sterling character and unswerving principles.

We are proud of such a man and reminded of the glad season's opportunities, desire to convey to you our affection and esteem.

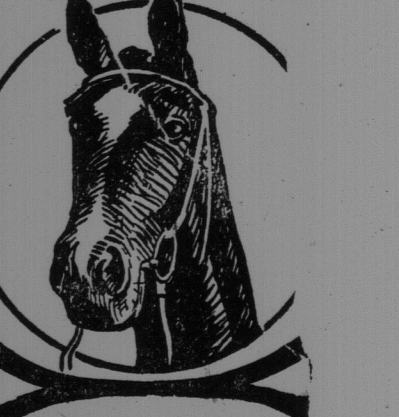
After reading the address the chief turned to the old veteran and said: "This is an expression of the feeling of the whole department, every man jack of them, and I am merely speaking for them."

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From the Ode on the Morning Christ's Nativity. (By John Milton.) No war, or battle's sound, Was heard the world around.

When the first day of the year began, The winds, with wondrous whist, Smoothly the waters kissed, Whispering new joys to the mild Ocean.

But peaceful was the night, Wherein the Prince of Light His reign of peace upon the earth began.

When such music sweet, Their hearts and ears did greet, As never was by mortal finger strook, Divinely-warbled voice, Answering the stringed noise.

At last surrounds their sight A globe of circular light, That with loud beams the shamed face of Night arrayed.

Heaven's youngest-towered star Hath fixed her polished ear, Her sleeping Lord with handmaid lamp attending.

When Christ was born of Mary free In Bethlehem in that fair cote, Angels sung with mirth and glee, In Exultation Gloria!

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GOVERNMENT'S REPRIMANDS WERE ONLY A BLIND

Deputy Minister of Marine's Letters on Extravagance Not to Be Taken Seriously

Evidence Given Before Judge Cassels That Official's Lunch Was Sold to the Government by His Grocer—A Transaction in Gin That Looks Suspicious—Lankers' Evidence Seems to Clear Boudreau.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Several additional features were elicited at the afternoon session of the marine inquiry before Judge Cassels today. The sale of a yacht that used to belong to the deputy minister to the department, though the latter disclaimed that he was buying his own possession, was one thing brought out.

Mr. Watson, A. C., read a letter by Col. Gourdeau to Gregory on Dec. 27, 1905, which said: "As regards the letters supplied by the Wilson Company of Ottawa. This was done in Fraser's office."

ADMIRALTY HAS OPTION ON C. P. R. MAIL STEAMERS

Terms of New Overseas Mail Contract Given Out—The Time Limit Between Liverpool and Hongkong.

(Montreal, Wireless.) The terms of a contract between the British Postmaster-General and the C. P. R. for the conveyance of mails between Liverpool and Hongkong have just been published. The agreement is for three years, and expires on April 6, 1911.

MONTREAL ICE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN FEB. 10

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Arrangements for the winter carnival to be held in Montreal commencing Feb. 10 are so well under way that the executive were able to fix the dates tonight for the various events. A civic holiday will be proclaimed on Feb. 17 and the attractions will include two stormings of the ice palace by hundreds of snowshoers, snowshoe races and sleigh chases round the mountain, fancy carnival commencing Feb. 10 are so well under way that the executive were able to fix the dates tonight for the various events.

FOWLER SHARPLY QUESTIONED IN SUIT OVER WESTERN LANDS

GREEN'S COMPANION TELLS GRAPHIC STORY OF MURDER AND HIS ESCAPE

"Oh, My," Said Pedlar, as Shot Struck Him—Panarsky's Breast Scarred by Bullet Which Killed Green—In Race for Life Another Shot Struck Him—Italians Seen by Third Party Before the Murder—One Prisoner Says He "D'd No Bad," But Another Man D—Panarsky a Mason and Known in St. John.

Andover, N. B., Dec. 22.—A graphic then my cap, and I was mostly afraid that they would try to head me off but I never looked back. I was all in when I got to the camp. The name there fixed me up and I told them what had happened.

Had Large Amount of Money. Asked what Green had with him in money and jewelry, Panarsky said he understood that when Green left Montreal he had \$2,400 in cash. On his way down he sold in McLaughlin's camp in Quebec \$715 worth of goods for which he received a check. As this check was not among his papers he must have cashed it. That would give him \$830 apart from any cash sales he had made since. He had cashed some small checks up the line. In his box he had about 100 good watches besides.

INQUEST BEGUN AT PLASTER ROCK

Evidence of Man Who Saw the Italians Just Before the Murder.

Plaster Rock, Dec. 22.—The inquest into the death of Green was started here today and adjourned till tomorrow morning. Four witnesses were examined, including the Hebrew pedlar, Panarsky, Dr. Coffin, Dr. Taylor and John Barker. Panarsky told the story of the shooting and of his own escape. He recognized the Italians. Dr. Taylor and Dr. Coffin told of the post-mortem on the body and the result. John Barker introduced a new feature in the story. He said that on Sunday morning he was walking along the right of way and saw two Italians behind a pile of logs. They did not appear to be in any hurry and after bidding them good-morning he walked on. After he had passed them he met Green and Panarsky walking towards the place where the Italians were. He could not say he would recognize the Italians again.

PANARSKY HAD A CLOSE CALL

Hebrew Gives Graphic Story of the Murder—Engineer Saw Italians Rifle Green's Pockets. Panarsky, who came from Plaster Rock today to give evidence at the preliminary inquiry, was dressed in the clothes which he wore when the shooting took place. The first bullet, which killed Green, entered Panarsky's overcoat close to the left breast, penetrated all the undergarments and passed through the marks on the skin on his breast. From the direction taken, it would appear that Green must have been slightly in advance of Panarsky when the shot was fired. The bullet in his heart. It was eventually found embedded in the pedlar's box.

LEMIEUX CONFIDENT OF CHEAPER CABLES

Postmaster-General, at New York, Tells of London Conference

Believes Present Companies Will Make the Desired Reduction and Prevent Competition of State-owned Lines—Hopes Eventually for Five-Cent Rate Across Atlantic.

New York, Dec. 22.—Not only cheaper, but very much cheaper rates for cablegrams across the Atlantic are near at hand, was the confident assertion of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the postmaster-general of Canada, today, on the eve of his departure for Canada. "The reform has been accomplished on the Pacific," declared Mr. Lemieux, "and it will soon come about on the Atlantic."

Mr. Lemieux said the demand on the Atlantic cable companies, which was expected to come to a conclusion this spring, was not for an arbitrary rate of four cents a word. It had been proposed, instead, that messages be divided into several classes, such as urgent, semi-urgent, and deferred, and charged accordingly, but in any event the rate to be consensually lower than the prevailing twenty-five cent rate.

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THE MISSIONER

BY E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

CHAPTER XXI.

Rather a Ghastly Part.

Mademoiselle Rosine raised her glass. Her big black eyes flashed unutterable things across the plate roses.

"I think," she said, "that we drink the good health of our host, Monsieur Macheon, Monsieur Victor, and myself."

"I drink," Macheon declared, "to all of us who know how to live! Jules, another mug, and look sharp."

"I am searching for them," Macheon answered. "The trouble is one doesn't know whether to dig or not."

"I am going," she said, "to the Earl of Westerdun, and the pretty fair woman Lady Margaret Panshore. The other woman is a Miss Thorpe-Hatton. Macheon probably knows about them."

"I will come," Macheon answered, "whenever you will take me."

"I will go to Paris tomorrow, all four of us!"

she murmured. "Of course, I don't believe you."

"I can believe it," he said. "I am inclined to think," she said, "that you are a very grasping and covetous person."

"I am not," she said, "I am only a poor creature."

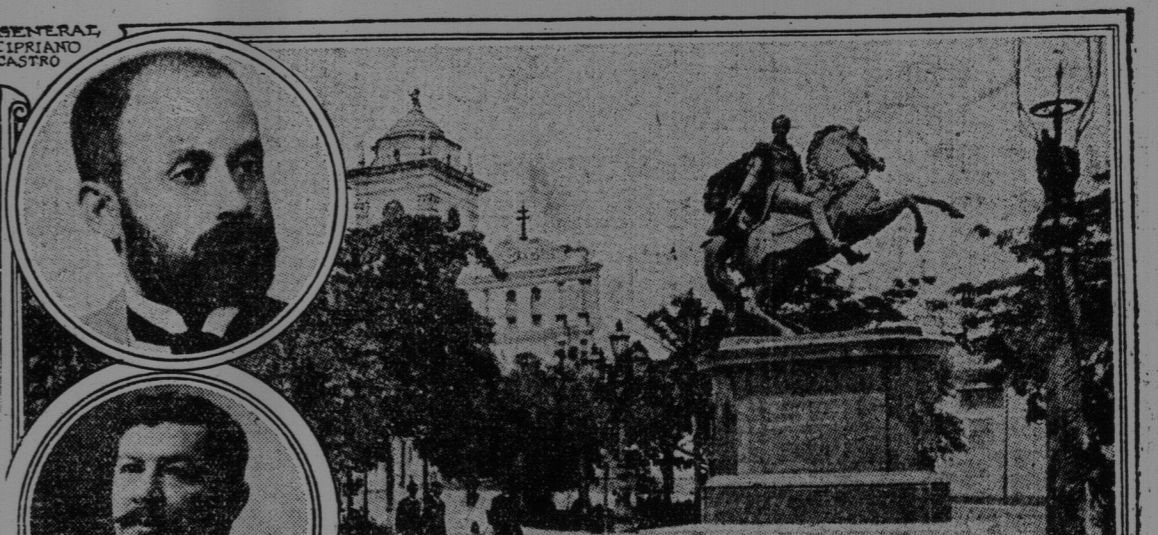
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CASTRO DEPOSED AS PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA; HIS RISE AND FALL



PLAZA DE BOLIVAR, CARACAS, WHERE PRESIDENT CASTRO'S PORTRAITS AND BUSTS WERE BURNED

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 21, via Williamsport, Dec. 22.—The end of the rule in Venezuela of Cipriano Castro has come. The dictator who has governed the republic since 1899, is no longer in power.

The Dutch government has not asked for any active assistance, being convinced of its own ability to bring about a settlement of the difficulty with Venezuela.

The yellow book states that notwithstanding the acute character of the present situation, the Dutch government still is ready to enter upon serious negotiations.

Castro has not heard the news. He is in Berlin, and he has not received a despatch since Sunday, and it is certain that there has been no exchange of cipher despatches because the president does not possess a secret code.

Cipriano Castro is a man of humble origin. His father was a stock raiser in the Andes near the Colombian border.

Acting President Gomez issued a proclamation yesterday as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that I have assumed the presidency of Venezuela in accordance with the provisions of the constitution."

Black Watch Smoking Tobacco Rich and satisfying The big black plug.

DID SIMCOE POLICE ROW OVER PROCEEDS OF ROBBERIES?

Report Now That Chief Malone Shot Patrolman During Quarrel Although He Denies It.

Simcoe, Ont., Dec. 22.—The large number of burglaries and house breakings which have occurred in the town of Simcoe since the shooting of Constable Wilkins, of that town, for which Chief of Police Malone is held responsible.

Springhill Miner Killed. Amherst, N. S., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Arthur Schurman was called to Springhill Mines last night because of the death of a miner.

WATCH FREE The Silver Nickel, guaranteed to keep for 12 months.

CORROBORATE STORY OF ANNIS' WIDOW

Witnesses Testify They Saw Her Held Back When She Was Rushing Towards Wounded Husband.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Testimony of a character designed to corroborate the story of the widow of Wm. E. Annis, which has been told in the trial of Thornton J. Hains, was developed today.

Mrs. Helen E. Annis testified yesterday that Thornton Hains carried her back with a revolver when she ran across the float toward her wounded husband.

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MARINE JOURNAL
Port of St. John, ARRIVED.
Monday, Dec. 21.
St. Mary's, from London and Antwerp, C P R Co, pass and mds. St. Mary's, 1913, Yeoman, from London via Halifax, Wm Thomson & Co, gen cargo. Sch. Annie A. Eaton (Am), 156, Bolyca, from Boston, A W Adams, bal.

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OLD MAN OFFERS HIS LIFE
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Remarkable Evidence of Old Col. Taylor in Kentucky Feud Case—His Pathetic Offer to the Assassins—How Rankin Died and Taylor Swam to Safety Through Shower of Bullets.

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SHIPWRECKED, BUT GET HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Three of the Crew of Schooner Bobs Arrive in St. John

HAD HARD TIME

Vessel Lost on Grey Rock at Bass Harbor, (Me.)—Crew Get Ashore in Boat But Minus Belongings—Wreck Sold by Captain.

Three of the crew of the wrecked Nova Scotia schooner Bobs arrived by train Wednesday from Southwest Harbor (Me.) The men are Herbert Newcombe and Roy Faulkner, of Parrsboro (N. S.), and William H. Galbraith, of Lorneville (N. B.) They tell a story of a rough experience. Their vessel, bound from Maitland (N. S.), to Boston with lumber cargo went ashore in a southwest gale on Dec. 7 at 5 p. m. on what is known as Grey Rock at Bass Harbor (Me.) The crew landed in their small boat and drove to Southwest Harbor, where through the kindness of Seth W. Norwood, United States agent, they procured passage to this city by train. The captain, A. Faulkner, did not come with the men, but remained near the vessel, which is in very bad shape. He sold her on Tuesday. The men say the storm was something terrific and they never want to go near again to Davy Jones' locker. They lost all their clothing and when they landed on the Maine coast it was very cold and they suffered considerably. Newcombe and Faulkner, through the kindness of Collector A. T. Dunn, and the marine agent, will be sent to Parrsboro, Lorneville and the building to be a staunch vessel and was owned in Parrsboro by the Anthony Lumber Co.

FIRE DAMAGES MONCTON DOUBLE TENEMENT HOUSE

Moncton, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Fire in the double tenement house occupied by C. E. Northrup, secretary of the board of health, and John Brownell, I. C. R. driver, this afternoon, destroyed the building to the extent of about \$500 or \$600, and did some damage to the furniture. The fire originated from a defective chimney in the rear of the house. The flames broke through the roof, but the greatest damage was caused by water. The house is owned by the building to be a staunch vessel and was owned in Parrsboro by the Anthony Lumber Co.

OBITUARY

Mrs. James D. Lynds. Hopewell Cape, N. B., Dec. 22.—Intelligence has been received here of the death at Ann Arbor, Michigan, of Mrs. Lynds, wife of Dr. Jas. D. G. Lynds, formerly of this village. The deceased lady, who has been ill for some weeks, was a native of Ann Arbor. In company with her husband she spent several weeks visiting their relatives here during the last summer and her death has occasioned sincere regret to the community. E. W. Lynds, brother of Dr. Lynds, left this morning for Ann Arbor.

WEDDINGS

Joseph Kerr of Summer Hill. The death of Joseph Kerr, of Summer Hill, took place on Dec. 21. He died suddenly after a short illness. He was eighty-seven years of age and leaves his wife, five sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Mr. Kerr was a life long resident of New Brunswick, being born at Hampstead. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and was highly respected for his many good qualities. He leaves a large circle of friends.

Funeral of T. S. Simms.

Lewis H. Simms and Stockwell S. Simms returned Wednesday afternoon from the land, where they had accompanied the body of their father, T. S. Simms, for interment. With them were others of the funeral party. Rev. W. W. McMaster and W. H. Barnaby. Burial took place on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Portland cemetery. Service was conducted in the cemetery chapel.

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NO ANSWERING HAIL, SKIPPER DEAD IN CABIN

John Fardie, Former St. John Man, Found Lifeless in Barge at Pawtucket

CHIEF CLARK GETS WORD

Towboat Came Alongside to Take Typhoon to Sea but Captain Had Crossed the Bar—Death Due to Natural Causes.

John Fardie, formerly of St. John, was found dead in the cabin of a barge, of which he was temporarily in command, at Pawtucket (R. I.) on Tuesday. Chief of Police Clark last night received a dispatch from Chas. E. Hill, chief at Pawtucket, telling him of the fact and asking instructions as to disposition of the body. Chief Clark said he believed Capt. Fardie had relatives in Carleton but he would make inquiries. It was ascertained Wednesday that the dead man was probably a brother of Capt. James Fardie, of 23 Murray street, North End, who is at present in Boston. John Fardie left St. John about eight years ago and for a time sailed out of New York in command of various schooners. Nothing had been heard from him since he left here except indirectly. His wife died a little before he went away and he has a daughter living with relatives in Carleton. The last word of him was that he was in command of a barge but it was not known where.

Found Dead in Chair in Cabin.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 23.—John Fardie, also known here as John Hardy, who was temporarily in command of the Scully Line coal barge Typhoon in the absence of its regular master, Fred Porter, was found dead in the cabin of the Typhoon yesterday morning. Death was due to natural causes, according to the medical examiner who investigated the case. From the appearance of the body, it was evident that Fardie had been attacked by hemorrhages and that he had died without being able to summon aid. From papers found in the cabin, it was thought that the dead man was Captain Porter and that the man who was prevailing until today, when Porter appeared and told the police the identity of the dead barge master. He said that Fardie had taken his place on account of illness. The discovery of Fardie's death came yesterday morning at Pawtucket, where the barge, which completed discharging her cargo a few days ago, was lying waiting a tow. When the tug came alongside the towboat's master hailed the barge. The deck hands, after repeated hailings, failed to secure a reply and went to the cabin to investigate and found Fardie dead in a chair.

WEDDINGS

Annapolis, N. S., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The home of Captain Norman and Mrs. Roop of this town, was the scene of a very interesting event this morning, when their daughter, Miss Louise, was united in marriage to Howard Abbott, of St. John. The bride looked very pretty gowned in a travelling dress of blue cloth with hat to match. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. Howe, rector of St. Luke's, in the presence of a number of invited guests. After the ceremony a dainty repast was served and the happy couple drove to the station, where they took the train for Halifax en route to St. John where they intend to reside. The bride was the recipient of numerous and costly presents, showing the esteem in which she is held in the community. There were many friends at the station to see them off and to congratulate them on the happy event. Fraser-McKinnon.

WEDDINGS

Campbellton, N. B., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—William Henry Fraser, of Campbellton, was married to Miss Gertrude McKinnon, of Marsh Cove (Que.), this evening at the manse by Rev. Dr. Carr at 9 o'clock. The happy couple left for St. John. They will reside in Campbellton. Collins-Rayment.

WEDDINGS

The Portland Methodist church was the scene of a pretty event Wednesday, when Ernest Arthur Collins, late of Middlesex (Eng.), but now of this city, was married to Miss Marian Rayment, also a native of England. The groomsmen were John P. Milton, who the bride was attended by Miss Edith Priddle, niece of the groom, and Miss Ada Farmer. The bride was given away by Edward A. Milton, of Main street. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a number of the friends of the young people by Rev. Neil McLaughlin. Mr. and Mrs. Collins will reside in Somerset street. Gillespie-Barke.

WEDDINGS

A very quiet wedding took place Wednesday in the parlour of the Portland Methodist church, when Miss Ada Burke became the wife of John H. Gillespie, a son of the friends of the maritime expert by Rev. Neil McLaughlin. Mr. and Mrs. Collins will reside in Somerset street. Gillespie-Barke.

WEDDINGS

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Surgeon General Gimmer; president, Chas. Oxenbit; secretary-treasurer, R. P. Allen; executive, W. H. Allen, Adam Moore, Arthur Pringle, Burton Moore, Lorenzo Savage.

MINISTER TAKES OF PUBLIC WORKS

Some Temporary Retrenchment Necessary, But Works Under Tender Will All Be Pushed

OUTLOOK FOR THE PORT IS GOOD

No Drill Hall This Year, But Land is Being Acquired and it Will Be Built a Year Hence—The Grand Trunk Pacific Terminal Plans Now Being Completed—Necessary to Keep Expenditure Within Revenue.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of public works, arrived from Ottawa Wednesday to spend Christmas at home and will remain here until after the holidays. Speaking to a Telegraph reporter last evening concerning matters with the scope of his department, Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that a material curtailment in the expenditures for public works would be necessary owing to the decline of the revenue and the necessity for keeping expenditures well within the public income. In New Brunswick as elsewhere, he said, a number of public works would have to be over until another year. These were still to be postponed. The Partridge Island wharf and the drill hall would come under this head. In the case of the drill hall the appropriation of the requisite land was under way and would go forward and the army would be built a year hence. There would be no delay, however, the minister said, with regard to public works for which the legislature has already been called. In view of the great importance of keeping down the expenditures until the revenue increased, the minister said that the people generally would approve of the temporary retrenchment and would exercise patience in regard to the various public works which might be delayed. There would be, he said, no interruption of work on the new government wharf to completion as soon as possible. Plans for the improvement of the harbor, including the proposed breakwater, the new pier, and the new dock, are now being completed, Hon. Mr. Pugsley said. He added that it is not yet possible to say what further work will be done during the coming year. The engineers of his department and of the Grand Trunk Pacific had conferred about the plans for the first real cold weather of 30 cents. Hon. Mr. Pugsley has had several satisfactory conferences with Mr. Morse of the I. C. R. in reference to the matter and regards the outlook as satisfactory. He has also had a conference with General Manager McKillop of the I. C. R. and the latter has expressed his satisfaction with the facilities on the west side. The minister speaks in a most encouraging tone in regard to the future of the port of St. John. The contract for the dredging at Ballast wharf has been awarded to J. S. Gregory and in view of the fact that a new yard, the dredging at York Point has been done by the Maritime Dredging Company. The job was only a small one.

A. B. McHAFFIE OF I. C. R. CRITICALLY ILL

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Word was received here this morning to the effect that A. B. McHaffie, master mechanic of the I. C. R., lies in a critical condition in a hospital in Boston. The chances for his recovery are very slim. Mr. McHaffie and his son John went to Boston some time ago on railway business and when they returned to Moncton he was found necessary for him to enter a hospital to undergo an operation. Moncton yesterday and today experience the first real cold weather of this winter, the thermometer reading last night being five below zero, while this morning the thermometer was 7 below. At Montmagny, Quebec, the thermometer registered twenty degrees below.

Gagetown Notes.

Gagetown, Dec. 21.—The annual sale of the proceeds of the Christmas tree at the Wm. A. and Junior branch of St. John's church was in every way a success. The financial results was about \$200. The entertainment following the "tea" was exceedingly good. Besides the play, A Chinese Dumpling, by six young ladies, which was finely acted, a Christmas tree, by Miss Sylvia Allingham, solos by Miss Edith Caswell and a taper drill by twelve young ladies. Each number was in turn deservedly encored. Mrs. T. H. Gilbert presided at the organ and played several solos in her usual good style. School examinations were held in the grammar and primary departments on Friday and all visitors in attendance seemed satisfied and appreciative of the work of the teachers. A Christmas tree and short entertainment was provided for the primary department by the teacher, Miss Darrah. Friday evening, which was greatly enjoyed by the children, each receiving a gift from the well laden tree. The annual Christmas concert by the Methodists will be held Saturday evening, Dec. 26.

County Court Chambers.

In the county court chambers, Wednesday morning, His Honor Judge Forbes granted a garnishee order extending to Jan. 29 in the case of Grammen vs. Anderson; L. P. B. T. for the plaintiff; and M. Skinner for the defendant. In the case of Thompson vs. Rubin, A. H. Hamilton, on behalf of the plaintiff, applied for a summons for ejectment. It was granted.

Hopewell Hill Notes.

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 22.—Dr. Burnett, who was called this week to see Mrs. S. S. Calhoun, of Lower Cape, who is dangerously ill at her home there. Albert, the fifteen-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Mitton, died at his home here this afternoon. The deceased, who was a very popular lad, had been ill with diabetes for some months but had been going about until very recently. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

Hopewell Hill Notes.

The New York Charity Organization Society in its annual report that 72 per cent more families were assisted than in the year before.

MISSIONARY WRITES HOME OF TRIPLE MURDER

Robert McAfee Has Grewsome Tale in Letter From Son in New Hebrides

BUSHMEN'S AWFUL WORK

Slay Father and Two Daughters—English and French Sharpshooters Come to Teach Natives Sharp Lessons—Frenchman Fires and Kills Child and Seven Women.

News of a terrible outrage in the New Hebrides has just reached this city from Robert McAfee, of this city, in a letter to his father, Robert McAfee, grocer, of Waterloo street. Even McAfee, accompanied Rev. Dr. Annand to the New Hebrides from here two or three years ago, to engage in missionary work. He writes that on Oct. 17 P. C. Greig, a settler and planter on Tanguia, one of the islands of the group, was murdered with his two daughters, a boy and a girl, and a woman, aged 15 years. The only member of the family who escaped was a son, Alexander, thirteen years old. The crime was undoubtedly committed by seven native bushmen, who escaped. The missionaries, Mr. McAfee writes, were all safe and did not fear molestation. Accompanying the letter was a printed circular from Rev. Dr. Annand giving an account of the tragedy and adding that the body of Greig was picked up some twenty yards from the spot where, seven years before, Mr. Sawers had been murdered. In a letter, Mr. McAfee said that the triple murder was committed on Oct. 7. The following day the boy Alexander came over to the island of Longos Santo. He told Dr. Annand that his sisters were both dead and that his father had been murdered. They had been drinking tea under a tree when attacked. The body had been dragged thirty or forty feet and a few coconuts were scattered about. The boy had been killed and left him to do some work. He saw his sisters leave the house to get some green coconuts, which the terrible deeds had been committed, were left in one of the rooms and never carried off instead. There is a joint protest on the part of the New Hebrides, by France and England, and as soon as possible the missionaries will be sent to the islands. The French ship the first to arrive and a party of marines fired on a number of natives who were running away and killing seven women and a child. The natives also burned a native village. At the time the letter was dispatched, the guilty party had not been captured.

Argument Occupied Court

Wednesday—Geo. W. Parker Ignored Subpoena.

In the equity court Wednesday before Judge Barker, argument of counsel in the case of Albert B. Pugsley vs. Geo. Fowler and Rufus Pope was heard and judgment reserved. Before argument was commenced in the case of A. A. Wilson, K. C. asked that Geo. W. Parker be called to rebut the evidence of Mr. Fowler. The request being granted, the clerk called three times for Mr. Parker. There being no response, Mr. Wilson read a subpoena which was served on Mr. Parker on Tuesday, and also read an affidavit of service by A. W. Macrae, in which the deponent stated that Parker remarked, when served with the subpoena, that he had no objection to appearing. The court entered on the record a minute of Mr. Parker's contempt, and it is understood that action will be taken. Dr. Macrae, the first of the plaintiff's counsel to present argument, stated that he was a partnership and by paying \$200 the plaintiff purchased a third interest. The bona fide part of Mr. Pugsley's claim, he continued, was that he asked for only one third and not one tenth of the profits. Fowler never came to see Mr. Pugsley after he had written him the letter. It was expressly stated that the plaintiff was not to put up any money, as the money realized from the disposal of the lands was to be divided equally. A day prior to the receipt of the telegram, Fowler, who had a conversation with the plaintiff in Sussex, but never mentioned the receipt of the telegram, went to see Mr. Fowler in the autumn of 1903, and spoke of the land deal going through and asking Fowler where he stood. He did not answer his communications. After payment for lands, \$20,000, had been made, Fowler said he had no intention of either selling or leasing the lands. Pugsley dies this entirely. His Honor wanted further light on the matter. The bona fide part of Mr. Macrae stated that he meant either raising the money to the C. P. R. or paying it. Dr. Macrae continued. He said that \$80,000 was to be raised, not \$20,000. "Mr. Pugsley would not have ignored Fowler's communications if he had known what was to have come out of it," observed his honor. Dr. Macrae stated that Mr. Pugsley was a partner in the partnership from Fowler's time. Mr. Pugsley would have furnished it a statement had been furnished to him. His honor remarked that the plaintiff should have known that to secure an option on lands the money would have to be deposited or the right prior forfeited. The plaintiff evidently should not have entered the transaction blindly, as every man is presumed to know the law. In reply to query from the bench, Dr. Macrae said the terms of the partnership were that on paying \$200 Pugsley would get one-third of the profits or be liable for one-third of the loss. He would contribute one-third of the fund to purchase the land. The one-third of the profit that Pugsley's claim was void falls upon the defendant. There is no evidence that \$200, the original contribution, was used in any way connected with the enterprise. Dr. Macrae was followed by Mr. Teed for the defendant. He claimed that the plaintiff had all the right to participation in the profits by failing to live up to an agreement. He stated that the inference from the plaintiff's bill is that there was no memorandum of the partnership, and therefore there is no compact. Mr. Teed contended that plaintiff's bill did not show a partnership. A discussion arose over the merits and demerits of adding an amendment to the petition of the plaintiff, and was left over until the terms of the session. Mr. Teed continued after interruption. "Mr. Pugsley," he said, "must have been wrong in speaking of the 17,000 acres of land, as after the plaintiff had been paid 17,000 acres was left over. The contract was not voluntary. After a lapse of four years the plaintiff instituted action and a year and a half after brought it to trial. Mr. Wilson desired a few days to consider the point for amendment in connection with the bill designating the association between plaintiff and defendant as a partnership. His honor decided that in the resumption of the case in the afternoon at three o'clock, was sufficient for the purpose. Adjournment was then granted until the specified hour. Mr. Wilson desired a few days to consider the point for amendment in connection with the bill of particulars amended so as to read that the plaintiff agreed to enter into partnership with the defendant in regard to options on lands to the extent of one-third of an interest therein. This being agreed to, Mr. Wilson went on to contend that the evidence as sub-

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When a young man is in love he is apt to promise a girl anything she wants, but in the case of a big contract he has undertaken—New York Times.

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