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THREE MEN WERE DEVoured BY WOLVES

GRIM TRAGEDY IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

A White Man and Two Indians the Victims—Had a Fierce Battle.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 27—The death of an elderly white man and two Indians who are said to have been devoured by wolves, following a losing battle against a great band of timber wolves on a trail seventy miles north of Ignace in the Sturgeon River country, has been reported here but has not yet been confirmed.

The white man resided with his two sons in a cabin, several miles from the nearest settlement at which a postoffice is located. Saturday, December 23, the father said he would go to the settlement and bring home from the postoffice the family mail. He hitched up his dog team and started away, arriving safely at the postoffice, where he was informed by the postmaster that the mail expected had not arrived.

Promising to return to the settlement on Christmas morning, the trapper left. About noon, Christmas Day, when the old man had not appeared at the settlement the postmaster grew alarmed. Two Indians, who were at the postoffice, were requested to go out along the trail and, if possible, pick up the trapper. The Indians followed the trail for a few miles, according to the report, when they discovered a trampled-down spot in the freshly fallen snow. A few feet further on and they stumbled on the bones of the trapper. The dogs had disappeared, but the harness, torn to bits, lay in all directions.

Hurrying back to the settlement the Indians reported the gruesome find, and, urged on by the thought of collecting a good stake through the wolf bounty, they armed themselves and set out in pursuit of the pack. When they did not reappear at the settlement in a certain time limit, a search party was organized, and, led by the postmaster, the party put off into the bush. It is related that less than four miles from the settlement and about a quarter of a mile off the main trail, the searchers found the remains of the Indians. Their empty guns were nearby and scattered about were evidences of their being compelled to use every bit of ammunition.

The carcasses of sixteen dead wolves, some gnawed at and others half eaten, lay in a circle about the remains of the Indians.

Married At Winnipeg

The marriage of Miss Meade Dunn, of Winnipeg, formerly of Fredericton, to Mr. William J. Watson of Winnipeg, was solemnized in Holy Trinity church on Tuesday, Dec. 19, Rev. Mr. Scutchan officiating. Afterward lunch was served at the home of the friend Mrs. J. A. McKaughan, Sherbrooke apartments. The bride and groom left the same evening for Vancouver where they sailed on December 26 for Honolulu on a wedding trip.

WOULD TAKE OVER THE GERMAN STATE FORESTS

Poincare Has a Scheme to Submit to the Premiers' Conference.

Paris, Dec. 27—Premier Poincare plans to follow up the reparations commission's decision declaring Germany in default of her wood deliveries by presenting here next week a scheme for taking over the German state forests as a guarantee. If the other Premiers will not agree to this step, it is understood France is prepared to act alone.

It is now feared that the British and French attitudes will be as far apart when the Premiers reconvene as they were when the recent London conference adjourned, and the latest reparations development is taken to support this view.

Sir John Bradbury went to London today to confer with Prime Minister Bonar Law and other members of the government on the effect of the reparations commission's action on the question of the general British policy toward the Premiers' meeting.

Sir John's reasons for refusing to support the default vote which reasons, it is thought, may be taken as a reflection of the position of Mr. Bonar Law, were that certain extenuating circumstances entitled Germany to more lenient consideration and that furthermore the Allies had previously agreed on a course less radical in the event of Germany's failure to make the deliveries.

France's victory in the reparations commissions vote is ascribed to the personal efforts of Premier Poincare, who is said to have planned the coup carefully.

Although the United States has no vote in the commission, the views of its observers have always had weight especially when a vital issue was before the commission, as was the case yesterday.

It is declared in reparations circles that the position of the American observers has approximated that of the British.

The sudden decision of the commission took French as well as foreign political circles by surprise since it was generally understood that the commission would take no decision until after the Premiers' meeting.

H. R. McLellan Case

In the matter of the case of H. R. McLellan vs. the St. John Globe Publishing Co., Ltd., a suit for damages for alleged libel, W. H. Harrison, counsel for the defendants, Tuesday filed particulars of justification in accordance with a ruling made by Chief Justice McKeown last week. The plaintiff is ex-mayor of St. John.

Well Known Here

Mr. F. P. Tinker has been appointed district freight agent at Detroit by the Canadian Pacific railroad, succeeding G. C. Cochran, transferred. Tinker joined the Canadian Pacific service at Perth Junction, Victoria County, N. B., in 1887. In May 1904 he was appointed travelling freight agent with headquarters at St. John. He was at one time stationed in Fredericton.

The National Defense Will Come Into Force On January the First

HON. GEORGE P. GRAHAM WILL TAKE OVER THE NEW DEPARTMENT—A DEFENCE COUNCIL WILL ADVISE WITH HIM—WILL MAKE FOR INCREASED EFFICIENCY AND COST WILL BE LESS TO THE COUNTRY.

Ottawa, Dec. 27—A defence council to advise the Minister of National Defense on all matters, including or relating to the naval, military and air service of Canada, will be created with the coming into effect of the National Defense Act on January 1, next. This act amalgamates the departments of militia and naval service and the air board under the administration of Hon. G. P. Graham, who on that date takes the new title of Minister of National Defense.

The deputy minister of the new department is Major General Sir Eugene Fiset, C.M.G., D.S.O., who is at present on sick leave, pending his retirement on account of ill health.

In accordance with the provisions of the National Defense Act, the present Deputy Minister of Naval Service, G. J. Desbarats, C.M.G., continues to act as deputy minister of the naval service for a period of two months after the coming into being of the new department and, at the expiration of that period he will assume the duties of comptroller of the department. Mr. Desbarats has also been appointed acting deputy minister of the department.

THE DEFENSE COUNCIL

The Defense Council, which is to advise the minister, will consist of the following: President, the minister; vice-president, the deputy minister; members, the comptroller, the chief of staff and the director of the naval service; associate members, the adjutant-general, the quartermaster-general and the director of the Canadian air force.

The chief of staff, Department of National Defense, is Major General J. H. MacBrien, C.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O.; director of naval service, Captain Walter Hose, C.B.E., R.C.N.; adjutant general, Major General Sir E. W. B. Morrison, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.; quartermaster general, Major General E. C. Ashton, C.M.G.; director of Canadian air force, Wing Commander J. J. Gordon (acting); assistant deputy minister, H. W. Brown; judge advocate general, Lieut. Colonel J. R. Orde; naval secretary, Paymaster Commander J. A. E. Woodhouse, R.N.; director of naval intelligence Paymaster Commander W. H. Eves, R.N.; naval staff captain, Lieut. V. Brodeur, R.C.N.

The closer cooperation between the three departments of militia, naval service and air board, will, it is expected, lead both to greatly increased efficiency and to reduced cost of administration. Already, it is said, the reorganization which has taken place in these departments as a result of the amalgamation has effected a large saving and further economies are expected to be realized as the amalgamation proceeds.

METHODISTS OF DEVON HAD XMAS TREES

Enjoyable Entertainment on Wednesday Evening—Presentation to Mrs. Henry Peters.

The Methodist Church of Devon held its annual Christmas concert and tree in the basement of the church last evening when the edifice was filled. An excellent program was carried out, after which the presents were distributed from two large Christmas trees which occupied positions one at each end of the platform. Moses Haines made an ideal Santa. The concert was unusually good and consisted of readings, choruses and dialogues.

Much credit is due Mrs. F. A. Wightman, Mrs. Henry Peters, Mrs. Charles Bird and Mrs. Clarence Smith for the excellent entertainment provided as they took a keen interest in training the children for the entertainment. J. J. Mathews occupied the chair during the concert.

A feature of the evening was the presentation of a wrist-watch to Mrs. Henry Peters from the congregation in return for acting as organist while Mrs. Burpee is away.

A. F. Bennet of Truro is at the Barker House.

George H. Perkins and W. Batchelor of Toronto are in the city today.

COMMUNITY TREE GREAT ATTRACTION

Youngsters Gathered in Hundreds Last Night—Band Led Carol Singing—Gifts from Tree.

The community Christmas tree which has been an object of interest on the bandstand at Parliament Square for the past week was the centre of attraction on the part of the youngsters Wednesday night when gifts were distributed and the children sang to band accompaniment. There were some hundreds of children in attendance but unfortunately the weather had become too cold to make the best of the occasion.

The York Regt. Band was present and led the singing of Adeste Fideles by the children. They also sang without band accompaniment. The weather was against community singing.

One feature of the Christmas Tree which was enjoyed by the kiddies was the distribution of gifts from it. A very enjoyable time was spent.

The tree was erected by the Sir Howard Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E., with assistance on the part of the public.

R^o-Elected Mayor

Hon. C. E. Fisdale a former resident of this city as been re-elected mayor of Vancouver B. C. The election was conducted under the proportional representation system and Mr. Fisdale led in a field of four candidates.

APPOINTED CONSUL FOR FREESTATE

Lindsay Crawford is Given an Important Post in New York.

New York, Dec. 27—When Lindsay Crawford presented himself today at the consulate of the Irish Free State as the accredited representative of that government to take over the duties of Daniel J. McGrath, retiring consul-general, several other men, headed by Lawrence Ginnel, entered the suite and proclaimed themselves as representatives of Eamon De Valera and the "Irish Republic."

Mr. Ginnel's party, shortly afterward was reinforced by several volunteers including Mrs. Terrence MacSwiney, widow of the Lord Mayor of Cork. Crawford had no assistant, for Mr. McGrath had departed after turning over his papers and keys to the Free State representative. The consulate, which occupied three rooms was held for the most part by the "Republic's" delegation while the Free State representatives kept a small room, with the door open so that the doings of the Republicans could be observed.

There were no hot words exchanged and no disturbance, but at midnight both sides were still holding their strategic positions.

Early in the evening when reporters told them the lights in the office building were regularly shut off at 9 o'clock, Mrs. MacSwiney sent out for candles, but these were not needed since the janitor consented to keep the lights going for this special occasion.

NOT HOPEFUL OF IRISH PEACE

Toronto, Dec. 27—Peter MacSwiney brother of the late Mayor Terrence MacSwiney, of Cork, Ireland, in an interview here today, declared:

"There is absolutely no prospect of peace in Ireland under the present government. Ireland can have peace only by the people being allowed to vote on a plebiscite to determine their form of government. The people of Ireland never had an opportunity of voicing their opinion on the treaty with England regarding the Free State."

Further Mr. MacSwiney said: "It is only a waste of bullets to go on shooting Irishmen. Ireland will never give in until she is probably independent, as there must be no divided Ireland."

RUSSELL HIT AS A SKEPTIC

Glasgow, Dec. 28—In a lecture at Glasgow University Earl Balfour criticised the philosophical arguments of Bertrand Russell, and described the barren sceptic as a gentleman who surveyed the world and found therein—

Nothing worth doing.
Nothing worth admiring.
Nothing worth loving.
Nothing worth knowing.
Scepticism of that kind was, after all, he added, only the pretentious expression of bored satiety, and was not of the slightest importance to anyone, except perhaps the subject.

A Dying Vicar Protests at Clergymans Small Pay

London, Dec. 28—Complaint against the salaries of clergymen is made in the will of the late Rev. George Arbutnot, the Archdeacon of Coventry for fourteen years, until his death, and formerly vicar of Stratford-on-Avon. He wrote: "I am not able to leave any charitable bequests, because I have spent half the fortune my father left me in the work of the Church of England, for which I have always been most inadequately paid."

LORD RIDDELL FINDS PREMIER LAW CRITICAL

HAS ANALYZED GREAT MINDS

Lloyd George is Not Bitter and Delights in Compromise and is Subtle.

London, Dec. 27—The energy, vitality and brains of the present day "great minds", such as Woodrow Wilson, Georges Clemenceau and David Lloyd George, were analyzed by Lord Riddell in a lecture at Birbeck College. Lord Riddell was in an excellent position to watch the war leaders at work in conferences since. He places Lloyd George, Wilson and Clemenceau at the top of the list, and then Marshal Foch, Earl Kitchener, Lord Beatty, the Earl of Balfour, Herbert Asquith and Bonar Law.

"Clemenceau," said Lord Riddell "is a man of overwhelming energy, vitality, courage, ruthlessness, humor and quickness of perception. His chief defect is his inability to work with others on equal terms and his intolerance of the opinions of others with whom he disagrees."

"Lloyd George resembles Clemenceau, but he is not ruthless or bitter. He delights in compromise and is subtle. If an enemy is dining with him who he knows likes roast duck, Lloyd George will provide a roast duck."

"Wilson has energy and driving force. He lacks the quickness of Lloyd George and Clemenceau and their ready powers of argument. He does not possess the gift of working with or making use of other people."

"Foch possesses a simple, direct mind with great powers of imagination in military matters. He has great obstinacy of purpose."

"Kitchener had energy, vision and ideals. He was not a great organizer. At times he was mentally active and at times dull and inert."

"Beatty possesses a daring spirit, and is calm and sagacious. He has the seaman's love for fair play."

"Balfour is mistaken for an amiable learned man, who has been able to overcome an indolent disposition. Such an idea is absolutely incorrect. He is a tireless, inveterate worker, who has a keen, subtle mind. His charming manners mask a spirit like highly tempered steel."

"Asquith has an orderly, clear, logical mind, but he lacks initiative and driving power."

"Bonar Law is a practical man, cautious, critical and glowingly enthusiastic."

PARSONAGE AT WOODSTOCK DESTROYED

(Special to The Daily Mail)
Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 28—Fire at 3.30 this morning almost totally destroyed the Baptist parsonage, until Tuesday last occupied by Rev. L. E. Ackland. Most of the furniture had been moved out but several trunks of clothing, a fur coat and a sum of money were lost. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Epidemic Called "Gimmies" Sweeps Atlantic Linner

New York, Dec. 28—Surgeons on American ships have discovered an insidious disease—the "gimmies." It is described by Dr. E. S. Kippel of the President Garfield. "It's terrible," he declared. "It's ravages appear beyond control. It starts soon after the ship leaves port and continues almost until she is docked. Men and women come with the disease stamped clearly all over them. 'I'm sick,' they say. They tell me they are feverish, suffering with stomach pains, have headaches, their ears ache, their bones creak with pain—everything."

"And then, when I am properly sympathetic, everyone of them shows the one common symptom. 'I must have a drink,' they say."