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## MONCTON HAD BAD FIRE

### Four Buildings Burned With a Loss of Thirty Thousand Dollars

### Five and Ten Cent Store Owned by W. G. Lee of Fredericton Was Destroyed

Moncton, N.B., Dec. 20.—With four buildings destroyed with most of their contents, six business houses out of commission and a property loss of about \$30,000 Moncton was visited this evening by the worst fire for a number of years.

The fire originated about six o'clock from an explosion of gas in the basement of the hardware and gun store formerly occupied by the late Charles Elliott, three doors west of the city market, on Main street and before the fire department had it under control four or five hours later, Elliott's, the Boston Five and Ten Cent store owned by W. G. Lee, Fredericton; H. L. Bass' shoe store, M. J. Steeves, confectionery and stationery, Moncton Fuel, Ice & Cartage Co., and Foster Keith, barber, were burned out besides several families living in the upper part of the building were homeless.

Not in the experience of the Moncton fire department have men had a more difficult fire to handle owing to the nature of the explosion and constant exploding cartridges and tins of powder in Elliott's gun store. Before the fire alarm could be pulled in flames were breaking out of the top of the Elliott building and they spread with great rapidity. The firemen made a quick response and the use of the chemical engine only succeeded in slightly checking the exterior blaze. By the time the water was turned on the fire it had assumed threatening proportions, volumes of smoke issuing from two or three of the buildings.

### A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

In Elliott's store at the time the explosion occurred were Miss Elliott, her sister Mrs. Chandler and daughter of Edmonton, and a clerk. They were startled by a sudden explosion in the basement and the report was heard blocks away. Plate glass windows were blown out and the floor raised by the force of the concussion. In a few seconds flames burst out and there was barely time for those on the scene to carry out some powder near at hand.

Miss Elliott and her brother, an invalid, occupied the second story over the store. The invalid was quickly carried out and all escaped in safety. During the progress of the fire, which was witnessed by thousands there were frequent explosions resembling artillery fire as the flames reached the large stock of cartridges in the Elliott store. Fortunately no one was injured by the exploding shells, although firemen were working in close proximity.

The fire spread east and west, seemingly fed on escaping gas. The four burned buildings were ablaze at the same time, but by hard work the firemen kept the flames from extending to J. T. Ryan's grocery store on the west and John O'Neill's dry goods establishment on the east. Several times as the flames shot up through the top of the buildings in an unexpected quarter it looked as if other buildings would be lost.

All the buildings burned were two and three-story wooden structures, and the total loss on the buildings will not exceed \$10,000. The greatest loss is to stock, as the merchants, especially the Five and Ten Cent store, were heavily stocked with Christmas goods.

### MOST OF LOSS INSURED

All the parties carried more or less insurance, but several of them suffer quite heavily. The Elliott building and stock, including household furniture, was valued at about \$6,000, with a total insurance of about \$4,500 leaving a loss of \$1,500. The business since Mr. Elliott's death two or three weeks ago, has been carried on by Miss Elliott. The building to the west of the Elliott store was owned by Harvey B. Bass, who occupied one half for boots and shoes, the other half being occupied by the Moncton Fuel, Ice & Cartage Company, and W. G. Jones, real estate broker. Mr.

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## THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT APPOINTS A COMMISSION

### Messrs. A. B. Morine, G. H. Decharme and R. S. Lake, Ex-M.P. Will Start on a Fishing Expedition after Scandal—Will Look into the Working of the Civil Service with a View of Instituting Reforms—Mr. Morine is Chairman of the Commission

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—An order-in-council has been passed appointing A. B. Morine, K.C., of Toronto; G. H. Decharme, provincial agent of Montreal, and R. S. Lake, ex-M.P., of Qu'Appelle, a royal commission to continue the work of the royal commission of 1907, which investigated the working of the civil service, particularly with regard to administrative methods, expenditures of public money and general conditions of efficiency and economy.

The previous commission, consisting of Messrs. Courtenay, Fyche and Bazin, it will be remembered, brought in a rather sensational report, suggesting many reforms and animadverting particularly on the administration of the marine department. As a result of their report and of the subsequent investigation of the marine department by Justice Cassels, the late government instituted radical reforms in the administrative branches of the service and passed the civil service act in 1908.

At that time Mr. Borden pressed for a commission to thoroughly investigate all the spending departments of the government. This was refused by the government on the ground that steps had already been taken to remedy the abuses shown to

have existed, and on the ground that no specific charges had been made which would warrant the expense or necessity of any further investigation.

The new government is now carrying out the policy advocated by Mr. Borden while in opposition. The new commission is empowered to make full inquiry into all the departments of the government with a view to recommending any other administrative reforms found to be necessary. From the political standpoint the object will, of course, be to disclose, if possible, any so-called scandals of the old government not yet thoroughly ventilated in the Commons or in the public accounts committee. It will be in effect a general fishing expedition into the administrative acts of the old government.

The present commission will extend the investigation of the previous commission by a wider inquiry into conditions in the outside service, the administration of the public works department in erecting and maintaining public buildings, dredging, etc.

Its report will form the basis for the government's promised extension of the civil service act of 1908 to include the outside service.

Hon. Mr. Morine is named chairman of the commission.

## DIVORCE CASE IN HIGH LIFE DOWN FOR TRIAL

### Son of Proprietor of London Daily Telegraph is the Plaintiff and Lord Hamilton is Named as Co-respondent

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Dec. 21.—A London cable says a divorce suit was yesterday entered on the list of cases for trial at the next session, the names of the principals being the Hon. William Lawson, D.S.O., second son of Lord Nurdham, proprietor of the Daily Telegraph, and his wife, who is a daughter of the late General Sir Frederick Marshall, K.C.M.G., while the co-respondent is Lord Hamilton of Dalzell. The evidence for the plaintiff will include the statement that Mrs. Lawson, a few months ago, told her husband that she was going to Paris for a few days. He was suspicious, and had her watched and traced to Lord Hamilton's seat in Scotland. She afterwards confessed her love for Lord Hamilton and an immediate separation, pending a divorce, was arranged.

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## WILL APPOINT A NEW OFFICIAL AT BIG SALARY

### Hon. Frank Cochrane will Engage Mr. Gutelius of the C. P. R. and Place Him in Charge of I. C. R. Work

Brockville, Dec. 21.—It is reported here that Hon. Frank Cochrane, has decided to engage Mr. Gutelius of the C. P. R. at a salary of \$20,000 per year, and place him practically in charge of all the work in the department of railways and canals in the I. C. R. it is said, will also be put in charge of the new official.

Mr. Gutelius is an engineer and the engineering of which Mr. Bowden is the chief, would be put under the man. The announcement has not been made public but the appointment will probably soon be made.

### PERSONAL

Mr. Kenneth Chestnut, who holds a position on the Grand Trunk Pacific engineering staff near Edmonton, has arrived home to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Henry Chestnut.

## RUSSIA'S ULTIMATUM TO PERSIA CALLS FOR SHUSTER'S DISMISSAL

London, Dec. 21.—According to a news despatch from St. Petersburg, that unless Persia decides today to accept the terms of the Russian ultimatum demanding the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, as treasurer general, the commander of the Russian troops now concentrated at Kasbin has been ordered to advance on Teheran.

The 4000 troops concentrated at Kasbin reached there from Reht on November 29, after an ultimatum had been delivered to Persia by Russia demanding Mr. Shuster's dismissal and the payment of an indemnity. The ultimatum was to expire on De-

ember 18, but was extended indefinitely. Kasbin lies 66 miles northwest of Teheran which would be reached by forced marches of all arms in about three days. A determined dash by a strong force of Cossacks might, however place Teheran a walled city with ancient defence, in Russian hands within 24 hours. The nature of the country is rather unfavorable for such an enterprise. The road though ancient rises for the first forty miles rapidly to an altitude to 7000 feet but the last fifty miles are level although sandy and stony.

Teheran Persia, Dec. 21.—Serious fighting between the Persian consti-

## GERMANY'S NAVAL BUDGET

### Only Two New Ships Will be Constructed During Coming Year

### The United States Will now be Able to Rank Ahead of Germany as a Naval Power

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The German naval budget for 1912, published last night, provides for the laying down of only two big ships, a battleship, and an armoured cruiser. For the past four years four big ships have been built annually. The reduction of the construction programme, causes the military and naval organ the Tageliches Rumchau to point out that the American navy will January 1912 usurp the place latterly held by Germany, as second naval power of all the world.

The Tageliches Rumchau asserts that the United States with 31 battleships of a gross tonnage of 493,000 will rank immediately after the British fleet of 61 battleships, with a gross tonnage of 840,000. The paper calls earnestly for a supplementary programme designed to keep Germany in the place she has recently held, as the second mightiest sea power. The newspapers explain that the modest character of the military and naval estimates, which the government is issuing in the midst of the Reichstag campaign, is an electioneering manoeuvre. The country is warned that supplementary estimates are altogether likely when the elections are over.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Official figures in regard to the next years army and navy estimates, which appear in the north German Gazette do not show any further increase than what is necessary for keeping up the efficiency of the two services. The opposition newspapers however, are skeptical.

## OBTAINED MONEY ON FALSE PRETENCES

Montreal, Q., Dec. 21.—His ability to spend money like water proved the undoing of James J. Lauzon, son of J. B. Lauzon, member for parliament for Laverandrye, Manitoba, now held here on a charge of obtaining \$1,550, 50 on false pretences, from the Dominion Bank. First he got \$210.50, telling the bank officials that he was his father's agent in the shipping of twenty car-loads of horses on their way to England. Two days later he appeared again, stating that a stock sale amounting to \$1,350 had been effected between himself and a man named Brown, who was at the bank with him. He got the money. The young man's spending facilities, displayed on the following nights, led to the matter being wired to Winnipeg, with the result that his arrest took place. He has pleaded guilty.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 21.—The bank's swindler at Montreal giving the name of J. J. Lauzon of Winnipeg, son of a member of the Manitoba legislature, is not known here. Lauzon's two sons are in Winnipeg.

## CANADIAN CAPTURED SCOTTISH CONSTITUENCY

London, Dec. 21.—The government has lost another seat in the house of commons owing to the result of the bye-election for North Ayrshire in Scotland, A. M. Anderson, Kings Counsel, the liberal member returned at the last election, had to seek re-election upon his appointment as solicitor general for Scotland, and was defeated by Capt. D. F. Campbell, the conservative candidate by a majority of 271 votes. At the last election he won the seat by a majority of 238 votes. Capt. Campbell claims to be a Canadian.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Taft signed the Lodge Resolution giving force and effect to his abrogation of the Russian treaty of 1832 this afternoon.

tutionalists and the Russian troops is reported to have occurred. No details are given.

## FEELING AGAINST CHINESE DYNASTY IS VERY STRONG

### Now Looks as if a Republican Form of Government Would be Established--The Great Powers Taking an Active Interest in the Peace Negotiations--Armistice has been Extended--Trouble is Expected at Chao Chow--Premier Opposes a Republic

Peking, Dec. 21.—Premier Yuan-Shi-Kai, in an official statement today, said that he without any qualification refused to accept a republic.

The refusal of Premier Yuan-Shi-Kai to accept a republic is a categorical reply to a communication made to him from Shanghai by his representative Tang Shao Yi after the meeting of the peace conference yesterday afternoon, said that Tang Shao Yi in replying to Dr. Wu Ting Fang the leader of the revolutionary delegates who had presented the case in favor of a republic, "Expressed his readiness to accept Dr. Wu Ting Fang's views, but that the matter was so important that he must first communicate with Peking. The armistice between the opposing forces was extended to Dec. 30 in order to give time for a reply from Peking.

London, Dec. 21.—A Peking despatch to the Daily Telegraph says that the issue of the so-called patriotic bonds amounting to \$30,000,000, begun yesterday, is really a forced contribution by Princes of the Imperial Clan, from the metropolitan and provincial officials, ranging from to fifteen percent of their annual quietness.

A serious feature, says the correspondent is that six percent interest is payable for four years only after that the bonds bear no interest. This, he adds, agrees with premier Yuan's expressed opinion that the struggle may last four years.

Advices from Tokio state that the entire press is indulging in a deliberate campaign in favor of joint Anglo-Japanese intervention.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—"I am convinced (Continued on page 5)

## WILL SUPPORT PRES. TAFT FOR A SECOND TERM

### New York Delegation will Stand at His Back--Col. Roosevelt will not Allow His Name to be Proposed

New York, Dec. 21.—President Taft went back to Washington early today, with assurances that he would have practically solid support from the New York delegation at the coming national conference. Col. Roosevelt's friends seized the occasion of the president's visit to reiterate that his predecessor would not allow his name to be in opposition to Taft's. The president returned without seeing Col. Roosevelt, or receiving any communication from him. A visit paid by Dr. Lyman Abbott, started reports that he was an ambassador from his associate in magazine work, but this Dr. Abbott, promptly denied. While William Barnes Jr., the republican state chairman would not confirm the report that he and Mr. Taft settled their differences yesterday and that Barnes promised the president his support, the state chairman did say "It is my function to press or urge upon the republican electorate, republican candidate, I assume that whoever is nominated will adhere to the principles that will be adopted."

New York, Dec. 21.—"Col Roosevelt" said the county chairman, "is doing absolutely nothing. I am still talking him at his word, and I know he is not a candidate at least for 1912, whether he will be in 1916 well that is five years away."

## SUDDEN DEATH AT ST. JOHN OF WELL KNOWN HOTEL MAN

(Special to The Mail)

St. John, Dec. 21.—Mr. H. A. Doherty, a member of the company which owns the Royal Hotel, died very suddenly this morning. He had not been enjoying good health for some time but was able to be about the hotel. He remained at the hotel last night and got up this morning about 7.30 o'clock. One of the employees noticing that he was unwell, assisted him to his room and called in two physicians. Nothing could be done for him, however and he expired in a very short time.

The deceased was one of the best known and most popular hotel men

in Eastern Canada and the news of his death was a great shock to the community. He started as a bell boy here before the fire and had been connected with the Royal since 1904.

The deceased was a Presbyterian and was prominent in Masonic circles. He was fifty-five years of age and leaves a wife, one son and one daughter, also four sisters, Mrs. J. W. Dickle of Gagetown, Mrs. Wallace of Beverley, Mass; Miss Doherty of Gagetown, and Mrs. Ring of Boston.

Judgment was to have been delivered this morning in the St. John River Steamship case, but it has been deferred for further evidence. D. J.

## RICHESON WILL RECOVER

### Cambridge Pastor, Accused of Murder, is Resting Easily

### District Attorney Pelletier Says that Trial will go on as Scheduled on Jan. 15

(Canadian Press.)

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Everything pointed today to the rapid recovery of the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, accused of the murder of Avis Linnell, who so mutilated himself with a piece of tin in the cell of the Suffolk County jail yesterday morning that a drastic operation was found necessary. The following statement was issued this forenoon at the jail:

"Mr. Richeson passed a fairly comfortable night but was somewhat restless. He had some sleep. He is conscious today but is still weak because of loss of blood. He has not spoken since the operation."

Difference of opinion was expressed in legal and medical circles today as to whether the accused minister's condition will permit him to appear in court on January 15th, the date set for trial. District Attorney Pelletier declares that the trial will go on as arranged.

Boston, Dec. 20.—It is generally believed here tonight that Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, who injured himself seriously by attempting to perform a surgical operation, will not be placed on trial on Jan. 15th for the murder of Miss Linnell. The attorneys for the defence have practically decided to apply to the court for a commission to examine Richeson as to his sanity. He is progressing favorably and will undoubtedly recover. A surgeon completed the work which the minister bunglingly attempted to do with the tin cover of a milk jar. The theory is that Richeson became morbid in jail and decided to obey literally the biblical injunction concerning members of the body which offend. Physicians attribute Richeson's troubles to a form of insanity.

## MUCH ANXIETY FELT OF EMPEROR'S ILLNESS

Vienna, Dec. 21.—The feeling of disquietude in Hungary and Bohemia respecting the health of the Emperor is shared by Vienna. The complete absence of all news, is not assuring. The newspapers print no particulars as to the progress of the aged monarch's ailment, but merely detail a number of persons in connection with the court who have been received in audience. Doctors are in close attendance with the Emperor who is greatly troubled by lack of sleep owing to a hacking cough. Precautions have been taken to keep the temperature of his room even and to prevent the aggravation of his symptoms through exposure to draughts. The Emperor is not feverish, and his condition should be stationary for some time. The entire royal family is expected at the palace here for the Christmas festivities and this fact tends to reassure the public to some extent.

## A POINTER HERE FOR U. N. B. ATHLETES

(Canadian Press.)

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 21.—Statements prepared by Dr. Dudley Sargent of Harvard, physical director, says that of all college athletes those who take up rowing, live longer, marry younger and have more children. Football and baseball, says Dr. Sargent, are much more injurious to the heart than rowing and the ratio of deaths among track athletes is also larger than in rowing.

### PERSONAL

Mr. James Robinson of Miramichi, was in the city yesterday attending the meeting of the Atlantic Realty and Improvement Company.

Purdy submitted a statement showing that the passenger receipts of the steamer on the Fredericton—St. John route last year amounted to \$1,600.