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ST. STEPHEN HAS BIG FIRE

Four Fire Departments Fought the Flames for Two Hours

Seven Buildings Were Burned to the Ground—Loss Partly Covered by Insurance

St. Stephen, Nov. 22.—One of the worst fires that this town has experienced was discovered at midnight in the stables conducted by Archie Johnson, near the corner of King and Prince William streets and despite the hard work of the St. Stephen fire department with that from Calais, Me.; Milltown, Me., and Milltown, N.B., it was 2.30 o'clock this morning before the fire was under control. At this time seven buildings had been destroyed, along with seven horses, and the loss is estimated at about \$60,000 and only partially covered by insurance. Adjoining the Johnston stables was John Manuel's blacksmith shop and carriage store and this was soon at the mercy of the flames from the Johnston stables, which is better known as the Hardy and Bridges' stables.

The fire went north to Fred Rose's general store, which is adjoined by a grist mill for his own use. From the mill the fire went to the Lawlor House, which is a country boarding house, owned by James McGrath. This building and a large stable in the rear were burned.

The fire then went south to the building owned by S. M. Murchie and occupied on the lower floor by Frank M. Carter as a meat market and on the second floor as a dwelling by Mrs. Logan.

From this building the fire went to the adjoining building owned by T. F. McKenna and on the lower floor as a warehouse. The building was also occupied by the Murchie Wrapper Co.

The fire was stopped there by a very hard fight which saved Peter F. McKenna's building. Other buildings saved were the St. Croix Soap Factory and a large stable owned by Peter McKenna.

Fred Rose is probably the heaviest loser, the amount being about \$25,000, he having it only about two-thirds insured.

F. M. Murchie's loss will exceed \$5,000. Among the seven horses lost in the Hardy and Bridges boarding stable was a valuable mare owned by Dr. E. V. Sullivan.

At 1.30 o'clock this morning the fire was threatening the St. Croix Soap Factory and every effort was being made by the firemen from the four towns along with the citizens, to save the factory, but an hour later the fire was under control.

BERESFORD SAYS BRITISH NAVY WAS UNPREPARED

At Southsea Last Night Ex-admiral Called Moroccan Crisis Blessing in Disguise—Proposes war Staff for Admiralty as Remedy for State of Unreadiness

BRITISH PRESS RESERVES COMMENT ON SITUATION

London, Nov. 23.—Lord Charles Beresford, speaking at Southsea last night, with reference to the Moroccan situation, on which Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, will make a statement to the House of Commons on Nov. 27th, said that he had avoided mentioning the naval crisis recently, because under the conditions that then prevailed, all should forget party and support the government. He felt that so strongly that he had also refrained from publishing his book, setting forth the real state of affairs. Now the crisis was past, but it had been a blessing in disguise, because it would result in placing the services on a right footing.

At the time of the crisis, continued Lord Charles, the British fleet was divided. It had no reserve of coal or oil fuel, there were no guards over the magazines or dock-yards, or on those parts of the railways which might have been destroyed in a few minutes, and in many other ways, the navy lacked efficiency.

PROPOSES REMEDY.

"All might be remedied," continued Lord Charles, "by having a war staff at the admiralty. Every other nation has one and they must all be amazed that we, who owe our national existence to the sea, have none."

The German foreign minister's revelations have caused a great sensation in London, as showing how Europe was on the brink of war, over Morocco, and Sir Edward Grey's versions of the transactions next Monday in the House of Commons, is awaited with intense interest.

RESERVING COMMENT.

The London newspapers are reserving comment until they have heard the British side. The Telegraph, in an editorial, remarks that Europe looked into the abyss and recoiled with horror.

That war was so narrowly averted gives a fresh impetus to every movement directed to the attainment of a permanent basis of peace, between Great Britain and Germany, the paper adds.

Lord Charles Beresford's speech is regarded in some quarters as an attempt to justify the removal of Reginald McKenna from the admiralty.

SCANDAL AT BRITISH COURT

King's Chaplain Resigns and Charges are Being Investigated

Immorality and Drunkenness Alleged—Royal Favor Toward Disgraced Clergyman Heightens Downfall

(Canadian Press.)

London, Nov. 23.—The first court scandal in King George's reign exploded yesterday when the Gazette announced officially the dismissal of the Rev. Frederick Percival Farrar, the king's domestic chaplain, and also honorary chaplain to Queen Alexandra.

SERIOUS CHARGES

Charges of drunkenness and immorality have been made against the deposed King's chaplain and they are now being investigated by the Bishop of Norwich. The disgraced clergyman has been rector of Sandringham where the favorite residence of the late King Edward, and of Queen Alexandra was situated. It is understood that he has resigned his rectorship in consequence of the charges against him and a startling report is abroad that the Rev. Mr. Farrar is missing and that search is being made for him.

MARRIED AMERICAN GIRL

He is a son of the late Dean Farrar and only last fall he married Miss Nora Davis, a sister of Richard Harding Davis and a daughter of the late Clark Davis of Philadelphia. The wedding was attended by many prominent society people of London. Members of the royal family sent wedding gifts, those of King George, Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra being especially handsome. The sensation caused by the downfall of the clergyman is heightened by his long continuance as a recipient of royal favor. It was confidentially believed that he would soon be made a bishop.

FINANCIAL PROBLEM CONFRONTING CHINESE GOVERNMENT, REVOLT SPREADS

Peking, Nov. 23.—Yuan Shi Kai is now practically dictator. The indications are that he has decided to embark on a vigorous campaign against the rebels in Peking and Tien Tsin, renewing the censorship and ferreting out the agitators. It is evident that he is acting without regard to the national assembly. The sessions of the assembly hereafter will probably be few.

The monarchial members met privately yesterday. They numbered 41. The Republican members feel that they can accomplish little. The Peking Imperialists' determination and hopefulness are peculiarly persistent. Officials admit that Han Yang cannot be captured since the gunboats deserted and the imperial troops are now being turned upon Tai Yuan Fu in the belief that the recapture of a single province would lead to the voluntary return of others to the government. There is also hope in the minds of the imperialists that Shan Tung will again declare its loyalty because a majority of military officers have not approved of the assembly's proclamation of independence.

SOLDIERS FAITHFUL

Nearly 100,000 soldiers in Shan Tung, Chi Li, Ho Nan, Manchuria and around Hankow have not yet declared for a republic but not a single provincial assembly has failed to indicate its republicanism. Two other provinces, however, have been held in restraint by fear of the military authority. The government's greatest problem is that of finance, how long the officers will remain loyal without their salaries cannot be foretold, but the troops will follow the officers. Up to the present the salaries have been paid but further payments the government will have to depend upon foreign loans. The Franco-Belgian loan for \$10,000,000 negotiated by Baron Cotte was made

SIXTY LIVES LOST IN FRENCH RAILWAY WRECK

Bridge Gave Way on Account of Weakening by Floods—Entire Train Fell into River Thouet—Many Passengers Drowned in the Rushing Torrent

EXACT DETAILS OF DISASTER ARE LACKING

(Canadian Press.)

Samur, France, Nov. 23.—Sixty passengers, it is estimated, lost their lives through the plunging of a train into the River Thouet this morning, owing to the breaking down of a railroad bridge on the state railway at Montreuil Bellay in the department of the Maine-et-Loire. The train which had started from Angers was travelling to Poitiers. It contained about one hundred passengers. While it was crossing the bridge over the Thouet, the structure which had been greatly weakened by recent floods broke down, crashing with all of the cars into the swollen stream. Many of the passengers who succeeded in getting out of the cars through the windows, tried to save themselves, by clinging desperately to the tops of trees, which showed above the surface of the water. In most cases, however, they were quickly washed away by the rushing current. All the boats in the locality had been carried off by the inundations, so that it was impossible for the people of the neighborhood to assist in the work of rescue. No exact information is yet available as to the number of victims or as to those rescued, but it is believed that between fifty and sixty have been drowned.

Teacher—Arthur, I shall be obliged to detain you again today after school.

Arthur—Of course you understand that if any gossip comes of your keeping me in every day you are responsible for it.

CANADIANS ARE SAFE

Methodist Mission Secretary Receives Definite Word from China

Missionaries in Revolted Districts Gathered at Shanghai—Have Board of Funds Reported

(Special to The Mail.)

Toronto, Nov. 23.—The following cablegram was received yesterday by Rev. T. E. E. Shore, Methodist Foreign Mission Secretary: "Shanghai, Nov. 21.—The following missionaries, with their families, have arrived at Shanghai—Revs. A. C. Hoffman, C. J. P. Jolliffe, Arthur Hocking, W. B. Albertson, C. W. A. Henderson, A. J. Elson, T. W. Bateman, R. B. McAmmond, Dr. Crawford and G. G. Harris, besides Misses Switzer and Norman. Others may be expected to arrive any day. Will telegraph later. Members of the Chungking Council strongly recommend you to furlough McAmmond, Jolliffe, Allen and Switzer. We are short of funds. Please reply immediately."

ALL WELL AND SAFE.

Rev. R. Burns of Omamee, has received a letter from his daughter, Mrs. McKinley, of Chengtu, China, dated October 2, 1911. She says in part:

"All our missionaries are gathered either at Chungking or here in Chengtu, excepting a couple of the men, who were at Kiating waiting to assist us down the river, but whether they have left or not we have not heard so far. Dr. Crawford and family have gone to Ichang. We are all quite well and safe."

APPRAISING LOSS

Mr. Edgar Fairweather of St. John was in the city today appraising the loss occasioned by the fire in St. Marys

PEOPLE WOULD OBJECT TO SALE OF INTERCOLONIAL

Thomas Malcolm Gives Interview in Montreal on Railway Situation in Maritime Provinces—International Railway to Prospect for Coal on Upsalquitch River

PROVINCES GETTING GOOD SERVICE FROM I. R. C.

(Special to The Mail.)

Montreal, Nov. 23.—That the people of the Maritime Provinces would object to the sale of the Intercolonial by the government is the opinion of Mr. Thomas Malcolm, who built and operates the International Railway. The International runs from Campbellton, in the extreme north of New Brunswick, to the Maine border and will be part of a complete system giving connection with Bangor in Southern Maine. The line is 113 miles in length. The building of a bridge is the only connection lacking between the two roads.

Mr. Malcolm, who left for home yesterday after visiting Ottawa, thinks that the people are getting a good service from the I.R.C., and that, considering it is a paying proposition, they would not be willing to see it become part of one of the greater railway systems.

There are said to be good mineral prospects along the International, chiefly on the Upsalquitch River. Prospectors have found silver and copper, but nobody has yet gone in for exploiting them. Mr. Malcolm says that the people in the vicinity don't care. The International is planning to secure coal-boring machinery from the government with which to make a start on the Upsalquitch.

NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCES

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, Nov. 23.—R. B. Humphrey returned to this city today after a trip which covered the upper part of the St. John Valley. He reports that at Presque Isle Me., potatoes sold for \$2.40 per barrel while potatoes of the same variety and quality were selling at Florenceville and Woodstock for \$1.60 per barrel.

LANDSDOWNE'S RETIREMENT

(Canadian Press.)

London, Nov. 23.—The Daily Express understands that Lord Lansdowne is likely to retire from the Unionist leadership in the House of Lords in the near future.

DESERTER GIVES UP

After Leaving R.C.R. Sixteen Years ago Asks to be Arrested

John Cusick Worked his way back to Montreal from Alberta without Money

(Canadian Press.)

Montreal, Q., Nov. 23.—John Cusick, forty years of age deserted from the Royal Canadian Regiment sixteen years ago. This morning he marched into No. 6 police station and gave himself up. He has spent the greater part of his life in Alberta. He did not prosper and he determined to give himself up. He told the police a pitiful tale of his struggles to get back to Halifax from the west without a friend or money. Reaching Montreal last night he declared that he could go no further so today he asked the police to send him as a prisoner to Halifax.

PROVINCIAL INSPECTION WILL BE DISCONTINUED

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, Nov. 23.—Hon. D. V. Landry, commissioner for agriculture announced today that after May 1st, 1912, inspection of dairy cattle in St. John would not be conducted by provincial officials.

WESTERN UNION BUYS P. E. ISLAND CABLE

Sackville, Nov. 23.—It is reported here that the Anglo-American Telegraph Company has sold its cable between the mainland and Prince Edward Island to the Western Union Telegraph Company.

INSURANCE CASE BEFORE COURT

The Supreme Court met today with Judge McLeod and Judge Barry absent through illness.

The hearing in the case of Guimond et al and La Banque Nationale vs Fidelity Phoenix Insurance Co., was taken up pursuant to agreement on Court adjourning last week.

This was an action on an insurance policy and tried before Judge Barry at Bathurst. Mr. Teed, K.C., and Mr. J. H. A. L. Fairweather move to enter verdict for defendants or for a new trial. Mr. Taylor contra The case is still before the court.

SPECIAL PRIZE CONTEST CLOSES TONIGHT AT 9

All of Those who are out to Win one of These Little Added Prizes Should Time their Last Subscriptions to Reach us Before that hour—But Nine Days more of Tour Contest

Voting for the second and last lot of Special prizes closes tonight at 9 o'clock. All of those who intend going in to win one of these added prizes should time their last subscriptions to reach the office of The Mail before that hour.

While the names of those who will win will be announced in tomorrow's issue of The Mail, the amounts brought in and the number of votes issued will not be divulged. This is done that those who wish to go in for the special prizes and still not reveal their voting strength may do so.

After today there are but nine days of the tour contest which closes on Saturday evening Dec. 2

THE LEADERS

Those who were leaders for the special prizes when the votes were counted at nine o'clock last night are as follows:

- 1st—Miss Mary Doohan
- 2nd—Miss Alma Hallett
- 3rd—Miss Alma Mott
- 4th—Miss Myrtle Mitchell
- 5th—Miss Nellie Sheppard
- 6th—Miss Hazel Murch
- 7th—Miss Eliza Campbell
- 8th—Miss Kate Miles
- 9th—Miss Mabel Miller
- 10th—Mrs Ruth Walker.

Cecilia Loftus is to make another tour of the United States.

CUMMINS MAKES SIGNED CONFESSION

Montreal, J., Nov. 23.—John Cummins, self confessed slayer of his wife whom he shot down on the street on Tuesday evening as she walked from Rock, was held for trial this morning by the coroner's jury. A night behind the bars had reduced the unconcerned murderer of yesterday to a wretched, hopeless and almost unable to mentally grasp the significance of the proceedings. His signed confession was submitted to the jury. "I have nothing to say about that," declared Cummins.

Messrs M.G. Teed and F.R. Taylor are in the city today attending the sittings of the Supreme Court.

and contents damaged by water, loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$3,000. Total loss, \$59,000. Insurance at about half.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst in Kansas City Does Some Self-advertising—Situation in England may Compel her to Cut Short her Tour of the United States—Suffragettes at Queen's University

Kansas City, Nov. 22.—The action of the London police courts in sending suffragettes to prison this morning, is the enemies' declaration of war, declared Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, a leader of the militant suffragettes in England, in this city today. "It means that the truce which has been on for a year is ended and a more desperate struggle than ever before is to begin."

Mrs. Pankhurst, mother of Sylvia and Christabel Pankhurst, the latter one of those imprisoned today, is touring this country in the interest of women's suffrage.

She addressed two meetings today and left for Cincinnati. "Another twelve hours' developments may show the situation grave enough to call me home," Mrs. Pankhurst said. "The putting of my lieutenants in jail may make it necessary for me to go straight to the front without collecting any more supplies."

"It is the government's late bill, automatically enfranchising everything in trousers, which has precipitated the latest developments. A year ago we accepted the conciliation bill and granted a truce. It was the best we could get at the time. Then came the treacherous actions. The government presented its manhood suffrage bill, enfranchising ten million of the lowest types of (Continued on page four.)