

MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS

Arabs Capture Many Villages and Put the Inhabitants to the Sword

Holy War Proclaimed in an Effort to Found Independent Kingdom in Abyssinia.

(Canadian Press.)
Aden, Arabia, Jan. 24.—Thirty thousand Arabs under the command of Iman Papyra are reported to have seized the town of Yemen, threatening a massacre of its 50,000 inhabitants in the Holy War which has been proclaimed in the effort to found an independent kingdom in Abyssinia. Ten villages have been captured by the Arabs and their inhabitants put to the sword. More than 300 men, women and children have been tortured and slain and among them were many Christian natives. The Turkish government will send a vast army against the rebels as the loyalty of the troops stationed in Abyssinia is in doubt.

A WOMAN CONCERNED IN THE POPE MYSTERY

Montreal, Q., Jan. 24.—The eternal feminine has cropped up in the mysterious disappearance as yet unsolved, of W. F. Pope, the missing Brimptonville merchant, whom after leaving behind him a grisly stage setting which pointed on first glance to a heinous crime, dropped out of sight.
That Pope was not murdered, but left the country of his own accord, has been quite thoroughly established, but the motive has been lacking. It is still lacking, unless it presents itself in a telegram from Boston, found among his papers, signed by a woman. Those who knew Pope intimately, claim the signature is a fictitious one, representing that of a woman who formerly worked in Boston, but who does not now reside there.

CHICAGO RAILWAYS MAY CONSOLIDATE

Chicago, Jan. 24.—In well informed quarters, there have been for ten days rumors of an impending consolidation of the street railways of Chicago. The proposed merger will include both the elevated and the surface lines altogether. They have total capitalization in stocks and in bonds of \$271,213,720.

SHERIFF OF TORONTO WANT MORE PAY

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 24.—The sheriffs of Toronto are taking steps to ask the government for a re-arrangement of their salaries. At present, they are paid entirely by fees under a tariff in force many years.
The sheriffs claim that many of them do not derive fair living, and favor a straight salary with a minimum \$1,500 and graded salaries for the larger counties and cities.

PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB DEAD

New York, Jan. 24.—James H. Haslin, president of the New York Athletic Club, died yesterday in his apartments at the Hotel Marie Antoinette. He had been in ill health since early in the winter. Mr. Haslin was 66 years old and was elected three times to the board of governors of the club, a honor never given to another member.

American negroes possess and manage forty-eight banks of a total capital of \$2,500,000.
About 400,000,000 tons of bituminous coal were taken from the mines of the United States last year.

MORE TROUBLE IN PORTUGAL

Catholic Priest Under Arrest For Inciting Soldiers to Mutiny

Efforts Being Made to Bring About the Restoration of Monarchy—Many People Exiled.

(Canadian Press.)
Lisbon, Jan. 24.—The government is experiencing some difficulties in the provinces at Loira in Estremadura, 75 miles northeast of Lisbon, and the seat of a bishop. A Catholic priest named Faria has been arrested, charged with treason, inciting the soldiers to mutiny to bring about the restoration of monarchy. Many monarchists including journalists, have been exiled from the country. At Aveiro, a sea-port town in the province of Beira, the staff of a new shapiro was taken, the government have barricaded themselves in the city buildings and, armed with rifles and bombs, stand ready to resist if attacked by troops which were sent to the scene. Great Britain, Italy and other countries have made representations to Portugal relative to much of the property of the religious orders, which was seized by the government at the time of the expulsion of the religious orders.
These powers claim that the real owners of the church properties are their subjects and ask that restoration be made. The government probably will comply with the demands.

AUTHOR PHILLIPS HAS CHANCE FOR RECOVERY

New York, Jan. 24.—"His chances are fair" was this morning's report from the bedside of David Graham Phillips in Bellevue Hospital where the author was taken yesterday afternoon after he had been shot down in the street by an eccentric musician with a fancied grievance who followed his murder by committing suicide.
Only one bullet remained in the body, that in the right thigh, the removal of which was not deemed advisable at this time.
Toronto, Jan. 24.—FitzHugh Coyle Goldsborough, who shot David Graham Phillips in New York yesterday and then suicided, studied music in Toronto a year ago.

WOULD REDUCE HOURS FOR SALOON KEEPERS

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 24.—Ald. McCarthy, representing the temperance element in the city council, gave notice yesterday that he would move at the next meeting that the council memorialize the Ontario legislature to limit the hours of sale of liquor to 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. on week days, and 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturdays provided the rate payers favor such a reduction of hours.

COUNTERFEITER GETS THREE YEARS

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 24.—A Carnegie, a tailor by trade, pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of manufacturing counterfeit coins and was sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary. His son Hugh, charged with issuing false coins, was remanded. Mrs. Carnegie will be charged with vagrancy, but two young daughters sent out by Carnegie to pass the money, were allowed to go.

WESTERN MEN CAN SHOOT STRAIGHT

Portland, Ore., Jan. 24.—The Portland Revolver Club broke the world's record for a five-man team event at twenty yards last night, making a grand total of 1129, each contestant shooting five times.

A MONTREAL WOMAN BRUTALLY MURDERED

The Body of Mrs. Joseph Martin Found at Her Home Early This Morning Charred Almost Beyond Recognition—Blood Spots on Walls and Furniture Lead Police to Believe That Woman was Victim of an Atrocious Crime.

(Canadian Press.)
Montreal, Jan. 24.—Frightfully burned, the dead body of Mrs. Jos. Martin, 30 years of age, was found on the floor of the kitchen of her home when police broke into the house at 2.15 o'clock this morning. The police were called by neighbors who heard the woman's screams. Close to her body was the remains of a coal oil lamp and some of the broken glass was under the remnants of the woman's clothing. There was no fire in any other part of the kitchen except around the body. It is supposed the lamp exploded.
Montreal, Q., Jan. 24.—That a brutal tragedy had been enacted and an effort made to hide the crime by setting fire to the house, was the theory of the police when they visited the apartment of Mrs. Joe Martin, who was found burned and charred almost beyond recognition when in response to an alarm sent in by neighbors, the dead woman's rooms were broken into early this morning. A cursory examination by the firemen showed that the blaze had started in a small hall room outside the bedroom where the deceased woman slept. The body of the unfortunate woman was found huddled on the bedroom floor some 15 feet away, her arms crossed under her head. At her feet lay the fragments of an exploded lamp, while a cane bottomed chair was upturned nearby.
Thick dark red clots of blood on the walls and furniture of several of the rooms of the little flat, were found by the police when an examination of the premises was made by daylight. There was every evidence that a fearful struggle had taken place before the house was set on fire and the woman, whether dead or alive, had been left prey of the flames. Blood covered the walls of the little passage way and two of the rooms. The railing around the stove in the kitchen, where the body was found, was covered with it, while chairs and tables bore the evidence of crime. The body was burned almost to a cinder, and it is doubtful whether the doctors will be able to discover the real cause of the woman's death.
No weapon was found in the house and so far the police are without a single clue.

AN INTREPID AVIATOR



(Canadian Press.)
Key West, Fla., Jan. 24.—With all preliminary arrangements completed for his flight from Key West to Havana, J. A. D. McCurdy, the Canadian aviator, announced last night that a start would be made about 7 o'clock. As a last precaution, the test to try out the motor will be made. The torpedo destroyers and other naval vessels which will patrol the waters between here and Havana will leave Key West tonight and take their stations about ten miles apart, the first stopping ten miles from the Sand Keys. At the first appearance of the McCurdy airship on the horizon, the boats will belch forth dense smoke to indicate his course and give the signal to the next boat beyond. After McCurdy has passed them, the torpedo destroyers will make a dash for Havana. Arrangements also have been made to report the progress of the condition by wireless.
McCurdy stated last night that, with favorable wind, he expects to make the distance of 115 miles in one hour and forty-five minutes, or about two hours, if he is not forced to come back by the head winds.

BANK STOCKS ACTIVE ON MONTREAL EXCHANGE

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Detroit, United and Montreal Power, were the active issues in stock trading on the exchange here today. Bank stocks were also active and displayed considerable strength.
Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robertson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange.
Atchison... 104
Smelters... 77 1/2
Brooklyn... 76 1/2
Canadian Pacific... 207 1/2
Great Northern, Pfd... 126 1/2
Northern Pacific... 119
Pennsylvania... 126 1/2
Reading... 155 1/2
Soo... 136 1/2 bid
Southern Pacific... 118 1/2
Union Pacific... 175 1/2
U. S. Steel, Com... 77 1/2
La. Rose... 48 bid
Nippissing... 103 bid
Dominion Iron, Pfd... 56 1/2
Toronto Railway... 126

SCHENK CASE NEARING CLOSE

Argument of Counsel for the Prosecution was Completed This Morning

Mrs. Schenk Broke Down Soon After Her Attorney Began His Address to the Jury.

(Canadian Press.)
Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 24.—The arguments in the Schenk case were resumed today by assistant prosecutor Maury. He reviewed the testimony of the experts who had examined Schenk, telling how one after the other had agreed the millionaire packer was suffering from lead and arsenical poisoning. He completed the review of the case and again launched into an arraignment of Mrs. Schenk. For the first time Mrs. Schenk broke down and sobbed openly.
The assistant prosecutor had completed his address and Attorney O'Brien was opening for the defense when, overcome by his allusion to the "Poor defenceless woman," Mrs. Schenk could no longer restrain her feelings. Mr. O'Brien's statement at once indicated the line of action to be followed, "a plea of sympathy for Mrs. Schenk, a fierce attack on many of the states witnesses and the unreliability of circumstantial evidence."

REVIVALISTS AT TORONTO FACE DEFICIT

(Canadian Press.)
Toronto, Ont., Jan. 24.—The great Chapman-Alexander revival campaign in Toronto, faces a deficit of \$5,000, or more, according to a statement made by Ex-Mayor Thomas Urquhart who is in charge of the finances, to a special gathering of clergymen and church officers last night. Mr. Urquhart explained that so far the co-operating churches had contributed only \$282. The estimated total expenses of the campaign are between \$12,000 and \$14,000 but on the basis of contributions so far received, there will be only about \$7,300 to meet the outlay.

BIVALVER RESPONSIBLE FOR MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS

Washington, Jan. 24.—Many mysterious cases of illness may be attributed to copper poisoning from oysters in the opinion of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture. Experts are now testing specimens secured from suspected beds. Many have been found to contain copper. The beds from which they come will probably be condemned.

BROCKVILLE OPERATOR MAY HAVE BEEN DROWNED

Brockville, Ont., Jan. 24.—J. Leslie Sheridan, an operator, twenty-two years of age, is missing and indications point to the St. Lawrence River having claimed another victim. He started to skate back across the river after having spent the day here.
Wm. King and Chas. Stillwell have a recollection of hearing cries for help but so far no trace of the young man has been found. It is supposed he skated in the darkness into open water.

Mr. George P. Hamm, of St. John, is in the city.

R. O. O.—50 @ 96 1/2; 238 @ 97; 85 @ 97 1/2; 495 @ 98; 75 @ 98 1/2; 75 @ 98 1/2; 120 @ 98 1/2; 25 @ 137 1/2.
N. S. Steel—125 @ 88 1/2; 185 @ 88.
Asbestos—50 @ 10 1/2.
Illinois—12 @ 93 1/2; 40 @ 93.
Bank of Montreal—11 @ 250.
Eastern Townships Bank—5 @ 175.

ONTARIO HOUSE OPENED TODAY

Useful Legislation Forecasted in the Speech From the Throne

Agricultural Situation is Satisfactory in the Province—A Good Surplus Announced.

(Canadian Press.)
Toronto, Ont., Jan. 24.—The provincial legislature assembled here today. The speech from the throne, after reference to the death of the late king, stated that plans were being drawn up for a new residence for the Lieutenant Governor.
The experiment of using prison labor on the roads in the Porcupine district was declared to be a success.
The government will build a railway into the Porcupine country.
The completion of provincial hydro-electric power transmission scheme is noted with satisfaction. The agricultural situation in the province is in a most satisfactory state. An increased appropriation will be made for bringing in farm laborers and domestic servants from the old country. Amendments will be introduced to licensing laws during the session. A good surplus for the year is announced.

CONFLICTING EVIDENCE IN ARSON CASE

(Special to The Mail.)
Amherst, Jan. 24.—The preliminary examination of Seymour Miner charged with arson in connection with the fire in the Ferguson block several months ago, was concluded before stipendiary McKenzie yesterday. Miner was sent to jail to await trial at the next term of the Supreme Court.
D. M. Ferguson, who is under arrest in connection with the case gave evidence that contradicted the testimony of Miner. He denied that he had telephoned from Halifax on the night preceding the fire; also that he had met him at the railway station here and had afterwards called him to his room in the Amherst hotel for a consultation.
Ferguson's evidence was contradicted by Messrs. Burke and Langille, employees of the Amherst hotel and also by Mr. McMillan, local manager of the Nova Scotia Telephone Company. The defence called no witnesses. The Crown refused to accept bail from Miner.

ENGLISH MAIDENS WANTED A PRETTY NAME

New York, Jan. 24.—Two young English women who don't like their real names, were detained for several hours at Ellis Island by the Board of Inquiry yesterday afternoon to explain why they had chosen to book on the ship's passenger list under their mother's maiden name. They explained that their father's name is William Redhead, and their mother's maiden name DeClifford. They had selected the latter as prettier to travel under. They were admitted.

BAD FIRE IN STEAMERS HOLD AT ST. JOHN

(Special to The Mail.)
St. John, Jan. 24.—A fire in the hold of the Manchester Line Steamship, Manchester Spinner, gave the firemen, longshoremen and crew a two hours' fight this morning. The fire originated in one hundred bales of cotton, valued at \$12,000, and burned in a very stubborn manner. It is impossible yet to ascertain the extent of the damage.
On account of the open season, a party of auto enthusiasts are planning a run to Fredericton.

MR. J. R. STONE IS CURATOR

Will Act in Winding Up Proceedings Against Star Line Steamship Co.

Must File Bonds Before Jan. 28th—Stockholders and Creditors Failed to Agree.

(Special to The Mail.)
St. John, Jan. 24.—The matter of appointing a curator in the winding up proceedings of the Star Line Steamship Company engaged the attention of Judge McLeod in the Admiralty Court this morning. Mr. J. Stone was appointed and will be required to give bonds to the sum of \$10,000, satisfactory to His Honor, before January 28th.
The names of James H. Somerville and Melvin Lockburn were put forward. The creditors favored Mr. Stone and the stockholders Mr. Lockburn. After considerable wrangling, the parties agreed to accept Mr. Stone.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Walter C. Allison took place this afternoon, and had a very large attendance. The floral tributes included a beautiful set piece from the employees of Manchester, Robertson, Allison. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. D. Seeley, L. P. D. Tilley, P. W. Thomson, W. E. Bowman, H. P. Robinson. Interment was made at Fern Hill.
This afternoon W. D. Turner, of Sussex, will make application before Judge White for a winding up order in the case of Dewitt Brothers, produce dealers, who made an assignment a short time ago.

CHILD FELL DOWN STOVEPIPE HOLE

(Canadian Press.)
St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 24.—The infant daughter of Albert Stone, an Englishman, who conducts a fruit store, met with a peculiar accident yesterday and her leg was broken. The child was just learning to creep. She was playing with her older brother in a room over the store. The boy pulled the covering from an unused stove pipe, and the little girl in some manner fell through the hole. She pitched into a fruit barrel in the store below and was unconscious when picked up but it is expected that her injuries will not prove permanent. When only a few months old, the baby had one of her eyes pushed out by her brother.

TORONTO TEACHERS' SALARIES INCREASED

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 24.—The board of education are about to grant increases to teachers in the public, technical and collegiate schools of Toronto totalling over \$31,000 for the year. Principals will receive increases of \$100 each bringing the maximum up to \$2,000. Assistants will range from \$1,000 to \$1,500 according to service.

ANARCHISTS EXECUTED AT TOKIO, JAPAN

Tokio, Jan. 24.—Twelve anarchists convicted of conspiracy against the throne and lives of the Imperial family, were executed in the prison here today.
Those put to death included the alleged ring-leader Denjiro Kotoku and his wife.

BIG STEAMSHIP DEAL MAY BE PULLED OFF

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 24.—The International Navigation Company has made an offer of \$1,250,000 for the Northern Navigation Company's fleet of ten steamers, including the Harmonic, Huronic and Saronic.