

RAILWAY ENQUIRY TO START TOMORROW

Commissioner Pringle Will Make Enquiry Into Cost of Southampton Railway--- Says He Has Large Powers and Investigation Will be Thorough---Col. McLeod M. P. and His Newspaper Organ Allege That There Was Graft

Mr. R. A. Pringle, K.C., of Ottawa, who has been appointed by the Federal Government a commissioner to enquire into the cost of the Southampton Railway will arrive in St. John on Saturday and will be here this evening. The enquiry will begin at the County Court house at ten o'clock tomorrow morning. Mr. Pringle told a Telegraph reporter that the first session would be for organization purposes, and then an adjournment would be made for a month.

It is announced that Mr. T. J. Carter, K.C., of Andover, appears as counsel for the Federal Government while the railway company will be represented by Mr. C.D. Richards.

When asked if he could demand the production of records kept by James K. Pinder as contractor for the building of the road, and not officially the property of the Southampton Railway Company, and which were kept out of court at the Stewart case on this contention, Mr. Pringle said that he had been given very wide powers and that all parties would have to understand from the first that the truth must come out.

Mr. Pringle is a leading lawyer in Ottawa, and was in the house of Commons from 1900 to 1908 as Conservative member for Cornwall. He has been engaged in several investigations by the federal government, one of the most important of which was an enquiry into the cheese weight of eastern Ontario, when he found with the other commissioners the whole system at fault and submitted a number of important recommendations.

WHAT COL. McLEOD KNOWS

Speaking on the subject of the Southampton Railway in the House of Commons Col. McLeod M.P., for York said:

"I think I ought to say to the House that I am familiar, very familiar with the facts laid before this House by my hon. friend (Mr. Carvell). I ought to say also that I FULLY CONCUR IN MANY OF THE STATEMENTS HE HAS MADE. He has not been able to bring it home to the Government—I do not think he has attempted to do so—that any wrong has been done, or has been attempted to be done by the Government. I do not think my hon. friend attempts even to insinuate that Mr. Johnson, the engineer, has been guilty of any deliberate wrong. But I say, I think I ought to say, that Mr. Johnson, the engineer in the case, when he made such a report as he did make, made it HAVING BEEN DECEIVED AS TO THE ACTUAL FACTS OF THE CASE. I BELIEVE THAT THAT REPORT IS NOT IN ALL DETAILS, A CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE COST OF THE SPECIFIC ITEMS THAT WENT INTO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THAT ROAD. I have kept well in touch with and I have been familiar with the construction of that road since its conception. BUT I DO SAY FROM MY OWN KNOWLEDGE CLEANED BY LIVING ON THE SPOT and by talking to the men whom my hon. friend has cited in the case of Stewart vs. Southampton Railway Company, I AM IN A POSITION TO KNOW THAT THESE ITEMS, ARE PADDED ITEMS, AND THOSE ITEMS WHICH MR. JOHNSON HAS ACCEPTED AND UPON WHICH VERY PROPERLY THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS, ACCEPTING HIS STATEMENT PAID THE SUBSIDY, ARE NOT TRUE AND CORRECT STATEMENTS OF FACT IN REGARD TO WHAT WENT INTO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THAT RAILWAY."

A little further on he said:

However, Mr. Speaker, I did not intend to enter upon a discussion; I merely desired to place myself on record as agreeing with many of the facts presented here tonight and I believe that the Acting Minister of Railways will investigate this and thoroughly investigate it, and if a wrong has been done, he will do his best to set it right. But might I suggest that when he starts to get any money back from James K. Pinder he is up against a real hard proposition.

NEWSPAPER MEN ARRESTED

Were Sent to Jail in Mexico City But Were Soon Released

Richard Harding Davis Among the Number---Huerta's Envoys En Route to Canada

Washington, May 10—Associate Justice Joseph P. Lamar, of the United States Supreme court, and Frederick W. Lehmann, of St. Louis, former solicitor-general, will be the representatives of the United States to confer with the mediators. This became known from an authoritative source tonight. During the day Justice Lamar had a long talk with the president, and later he and Mr. Lehmann conferred.

The Canadian government is taking steps to have suitable attention and courtesy extended to the South American mediators, and the delegates from the United States and Mexico when they assemble at Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 18.

CORRESPONDENTS ARRESTED

Vera Cruz, May 9—Walter C. Whiffen, correspondent of the Associated Press; Sutton, a photographer for the Washington Post; Oliver M. Hueffer, correspondent of the London Express and another English correspondent named Bourke were placed under arrest by the Mexican authorities at Mexico City Thursday evening. They had just arrived from Vera Cruz and the police were waiting with coaches when the train drew into the station.

All were taken to the jail under guard, and Messrs. Whiffen and Sutton were held for investigation. The two Englishmen were released, and the officer who arrested them was reprimanded.

Whiffen carried only a hand bag, which happened to contain a copy of the Mexican Herald. The official who searched the bag remarked: "That kind of English doesn't go here." Sutton carried a camera which was confiscated. He showed a correspondent's credentials signed by Rear Admiral Badger, but this had no effect.

Hueffer went once to the Brazilian minister who notified the British minister, Sir Lionel Carden, and also called on the police to release the Americans. The police replied that some action would be taken as soon as the chief of police had investigated the merits of the case.

RELEASED A.P. MAN

New York, May 9—Word reached New York late last night that Walter C. Whiffen, of the Associated Press staff, who was arrested at Mexico City, had been released by the Mexican authorities.

New York, May 10—Richard Harding Davis, author, and Medill McCormick, publisher of Chicago, American correspondents in Mexico, reported seized by the Mexican authorities in Mexico City, according to despatches received by the New York Tribune last night. They were released according to those advices received by that paper.

HAMILTON TO WELCOME CONNAUGHTS

Hamilton, Ont., May 11—Arrangements on an elaborate scale have been completed for the reception and entertainment of the Duke of Connaught, governor-general of the Dominion and his party, who are to pay a visit to Hamilton tomorrow. The business section of the city is profusely decorated with flags and bunting in anticipation of the arrival of the vice-regal party.

NOTED SINGER DEAD.

Madame Lillian Nordica, the famous singer who toured the Maritime Provinces many years ago, died at Boston on Sunday.

EVA JOHNSON ARRIVES.

The tug Eva Johnson, with a covered scow in tow, made her first trip from Oromocto this morning, bringing up a considerable quantity of freight. The tug will make regular trips to Oromocto after this.

PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD

The Stock Market Was an Hour Late In Opening Today

C. P. R. Had an Advance of Nearly Two Points---Other Issues are Active

New York, May 11—The market this morning was an hour late in opening as a mark of respect to the dead marines who were killed at Vera Cruz and whose bodies were buried this morning.

The opening was fairly active and with the exception of C.P.R., stronger all around, with Union Pacific the leader, showing a gain of a full point.

After a few minutes' hesitation, the market improved both in activity and strength and there were good-sized gains practically all through the list. The engagement of two million dollars gold for export was not regarded as a factor. Union Pacific and Reading vied with each other in strength and each secured a good following from the trading element.

THE MONTREAL MARKET.

Montreal, May 11—The market this morning showed some activity and seemed to be better taken than was the case last week.

Brazilian was well around 76½. Power firm at 219. Textile dull but steady at 74½. Dominion Iron opened up half a point and quickly added another half to initial gain, selling well at 22½. R. & O. was active around 100, with Spanish at 10. Toronto Rails were firm at 130, ex-rights, with the rights selling well at 2½. This is equivalent to 132 for the stock, a gain of over half a point from Saturday's close and looks brighter, closing at noon at 130½ bid, 131½ being asked.

We are still firm in our belief that this market is a purchase at present levels.

[Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Fredericton, N.B.]

	Open	Noon
Copper	71½	72
Smelters	62	62½
C. P. R.	190	192
Great Northern	122½	123
Lehigh	138½	140½
Northern Pacific	109½	109½
Penna	110	110½
Reading	165	165½
Union Pacific	155½	156½
U. S. Steel	59	59½

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER FACE MURDER CHARGE

Chicago, Ill., May 11—The unusual spectacle of a Mother and daughter being arraigned for trial on a charge of first degree murder was furnished in Judge McDonald's court today. The accused were Mrs. Pasqualina Forte and her nineteen year old daughter Erna. They are to be tried on the charge of having aided in killing Antonio Morasso, who was the daughter's former fiancé. The killing occurred on April 23, 1913.

THE ADVENTURE OF KATHLYN. HAD PLEASANT TRIP.

Mr. J. K. Pinder, M. P. P. was in Ottawa last week and had a heart to heart talk with Hon. J. D. Hazen and some of the "higher ups" of the Tory party. Mr. Pinder has been in good humor since his return while some of the other fellows have been down in the mouth. Mr. Pinder confided to a friend that his mission was successful.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

Chatham World:—Sir Frederick Barker, Judge McKeown, and Mr. W. S. Fisher have been appointed a Royal Commission to investigate the Douglas charges. Sir Frederick is in at present, and does not know whether or not he can act. Judge McKeown and Attorney General Clarke are brothers-in-law and it is held by some persons that this relationship should disqualify him to act.

THE ADVENTURE OF KATHLYN.

EARTHQUAKE CAUSES LOSS OF MANY LIVES

Terrible Disaster in the Vicinity of Mount Etna in Sicily---A Number of Villages Wiped Out---Over One Hundred Lives Lost---Three Hundred People are Injured---Surgeons Perform Operations by Torchlight

Catania, Sicily, May 9—A great earthquake last night brought death and destruction to many villages near Mount Etna. The number of dead up to this evening is officially placed at 139, with about 350 injured but as yet a large portion of the devastated territory has not been inspected.

The affected zone extends from Zaffarana, the highest village on Mount Etna, to the sea between Aci Reale, on the south, and Giarre, on the north. It includes Linera, the centre of the disturbance, and Santa Venarina.

In Linera alone, 110 persons were killed and 300 injured. In the village of Bongardo 13 dead and 27 injured have been taken from the ruins. At Consentini sixteen were killed and many injured. These villages and many smaller places were practically leveled.

Automobiles which made the trip today through the devastated region were often forced to make a long detour owing to the deep fissures across the road. The enormous force of the earthquake was evident everywhere and the entire district presented a spectacle of desolation, ruin and death. Peasants rushed to meet the automobiles, imploring aid. From the debris anguished cries could still be heard. Others asked that there injured relatives be transported to Catania, as all train service had been abandoned, owing to the collapse of bridges, broken tracks and obstructed tunnels. For centuries this region has suffered from earthquakes owing to the activity of Mount Etna. Yet it is relatively thickly populated.

The land is most fertile, vineyards growing with little attention. Near the central point of the disturbance dozens of bodies were observed lying along the road. Many of them were unrecognizable and they were badly crushed. Heart-rending lamentations rose on all sides and the injured lay in the open awaiting assistance that had been sent to them.

LINERA IN RUINS.

Where Linera stood is a mass of ruins. Those houses which did not collapse entirely were so broken as to emphasize the completeness of the disaster. The village consisted of about 800 inhabitants. A majority of the people escaped because the shock occurred when the men and some of the women were still working in the field. From the vineyards they saw their houses falling like a pack of cards and when they arrived breathless at their homes they found only wreckage with some of their people buried beneath it. This accounts for the fact that most of the victims at Linera were women and children. The men, wild with terror and grief, attacked the debris with their bare hands in an effort to save their wives or children.

Generals Trabucchi and Moccagatta are in command of the work of rescue which is being expeditiously performed by soldiers, firemen, policemen and Red Cross volunteers. It is expected, however, that weeks will pass before the full extent of the disaster can be learned, as it is believed that many peasants are buried under their homes in the isolated country districts.

At Catania the strongest shock lasted six seconds. Electric lights were extinguished and the street railways were put out of service. The people rushed from the houses, shops and cafes. Many of them jumped into boats and others crowded into the squares. At the hospitals patients ran to the courtyards imploring help.

FEAR MANY WHO ARE BURIED IN RUINS.

Catania, May 10—Throughout the whole night rescue parties, surgeons, Red Cross attendants, soldiers and priests worked among the ruins of the villages on the eastern slope of Mount Etna, which was devastated by the earthquake. The list of the known dead and injured remains the same as yesterday, but it is believed that many are still under the wreckage of houses.

Surgeons performed operations in the open by torchlight. Peasants, whose relatives are missing, still hoped to unearth them alive and urged the rescuing parties to hasten their work of excavation, indicating the places where they thought their families were entombed.

Bodies lined the road and every effort was made to identify the victims, as many of them will be interred at sunrise tomorrow. Cardinal Nava, Archbishop of Catania, gathered the survivors at Bongardo today, around an altar erected on the lava and celebrated mass. The parish priest at Linera wept over the ruins of his church, but utilized the bells as an altar for celebration. Cardinal Nava ordered all churches that had been damaged by the earthquake closed, fearing further disaster as slight shocks occurred at frequent intervals throughout the day.

Queen Heiena has sent clothing and medicines to the afflicted districts, and has notified those in charge that she has set to work again, as at the time of the Messina earthquake, preparing bandages and making garments. The government has forwarded all available tents and various cities have poured into the district food and other necessities.

HEARINGS ON TRADE COMMISSION BILL

Washington, May 11—For the purpose of ascertaining the opinions of the railroads and other large corporations on the administration interstate trade commission on the administration interstate trade commission bill, the Senate committee on interstate commerce began a series of public hearings in this city today. The bill would provide for a commission of five members which would be authorized to "investigate the organization, business, financial condition, management and its relations to other corporations, of any corporation engaged in such commerce as Congress has the power to regulate under the Constitution." The commission also would be empowered to require reports from any corporation, to make public the information thus obtained, and to recommend any legislation which it considered necessary to the public welfare.

SEWERAGE PUMPS CARRYING HEAVY LOAD

Freshet Causing Water to Back up in Sewers---Serious Trouble Not Expected

The electric pump at the foot of Lansdowne street was put in operation today and is having heavy work pumping against the freshet. Ald. Everett, chairman of the Water Committee, stated this morning that no serious trouble was anticipated as gravity and the pump together would keep the main sewer clear. In the lower parts of the city, however, where toilets are situated in basements, he expected that there would be inconvenience through the water backing up in the sewers but said it could not be helped as the pumps could not pump the St. John River.

"The sewer pumps are up against the highest freshet since they were installed," said Ald. Everett, "and are working as well as they ever did. Their installation however, was such that they are flooded themselves about ten feet deep and they work at some disadvantage as a result."